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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

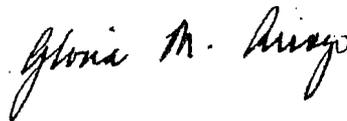
MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 231

**EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE IN THE DEPUTIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE OCTOBER 28, 2006 PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE CREATION OF THE PROVINCE OF SHARIFF KABUNSUAN, COMPRISING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BARIRA, BULDON, DATU ODIN SINSUAT, KABUNTALAN, MATANOG, PARANG, SULTAN KUDARAT, SULTAN MASTURA, UPI AND DATU BLAH T. SINSUAT IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, PURSUANT TO MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY (MMA) ACT NO. 201, DATED AUGUST 28, 2006**

Pursuant to Article IX (C) Section 2 (4) of the 1987 Constitution, **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, do hereby concur with Resolution Nos. 7728 and 7729 of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), both promulgated on 10 October 2006, the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for the exclusive purpose of ensuring free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible conduct of the October 28, 2006 Plebiscite to ratify the creation of the Province of Shariff Kabunsuan, comprising the Municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Matanog, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura, Upi and Datu Blah T. Sinsuat in the Province of Maguindanao, pursuant to the Muslim Mindanao Autonomy (MMA) Act. No. 201, dated August 28, 2006.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

By the President:



**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

