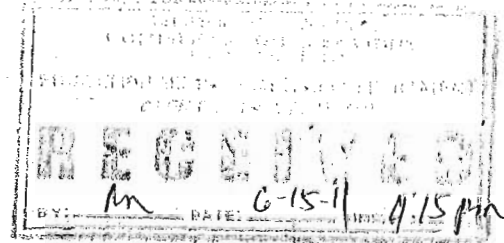


**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR EN BANC
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
HELD ON JUNE 7, 2011**

Present:

Chairman Sixto S. Brillantes Jr.
Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento
Commissioner Lucenito N. Tagle
Commissioner Armandó C. Velasco
Commissioner Elias R. Yusoph
Commissioner Christian Robert S. Lim
Commissioner Augusto C. Lagman



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11-0623. IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUESTS OF AKAP – PINOY AND PPCRV THAT THE NATIONAL DISABILITY PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION (NDPR) WEEK BE ALSO UTILIZED OR DECLARED AS A WEEK-LONG REGISTRATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs)

This pertains to the Memorandum dated May 20, 2011 of Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento relative to the letters of Mr. Manuel V. Agcaoili, Chairman of Alyansa ng may Kapansanang Pinoy, Inc. (AKAP-PINOY) and Ambassador Henrietta T. de Villa, PPCRV National Chairperson, requesting that the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week be also utilized or declared as a week-long registration for PWDs.

The Memorandum of Commissioner Sarmiento states:

"This pertains to the letters of Mr. Manuel V. Agcaoili, Chairman of Alyansa ng may Kapansanang Pinoy, Inc. (AKAP-PINOY) and Ambassador Henrietta T. de Villa, National Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) requesting that the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week be also utilized or declared as a week-long registration for Persons with Disability (PWDs).

Pertinent portion of Mr. Agcaoili's letter states:

'We had deemed it appropriate, not just to draw attention to the prevention of disability, but just as importantly, to encourage PWDs to be proactive and exercise their right to vote. NDPR week we feel is the opportune time to encourage them to come out and register--- if they can do this easily and comfortably at accessible venues, then we believe we will have quite a substantial turnout.

To make this possible, we will have to request the COMELEC to open their offices nationwide during NDPR Week to allow PWDs to register accordingly. A related plea is for you to authorize that satellite registration areas be set up at specific SM Malls, the facilities of which are disabled friendly and easy to reach.'

In her solidarity letter, Ambassador de Villa states:

'The commitment of Comelec towards the welfare of PWDs, as well as of the NGO's networking with you, will have a wonderful opportunity for translating commitment into practicum during the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week on July 17-23, 2011. PPCRV is in solidarity with the request/recommendation of Alyansa ng may Kapansanang Pinoy, Inc. as enunciated by its Chairman, Mr. Manuel Agcaoili. As such, PPCRV is particularly

enjoining Comelec for the following:

1. That *NDPR Week* be also declared as a week-long registration for PWDs
2. That *Satellite Registration Centers* be established in the major cities nationwide during July 17 to 23, 2011
3. That *Comelec, PPCRV and the inter-agency and NGO network* you have established launch a massive campaign using tri-media facilities to get PWDs to register, and imbue in them the importance of responsible voting.

May we further suggest that Comelec through you create an ad hoc committee to plan out the details for operationalizing the above requests/ recommendations [as] soon as the Commission en banc approves these.

The undersigned recommends the approval of the following: (1) the declaration of July 17-23, 2011 as National PWD Registration Week; (2) the registration in Offices of Election Officer during the said period shall be solely for PWDs; (3) satellite registrations for PWDs in major cities in accessible venues (e.g. SM malls) and in barangays where there are many PWD registrants; (4) the launching of massive campaign using tri-media facilities encouraging PWDs to register and (5) the creation of an ad hoc committee for the said activities.

Respectfully submitted for your Honors' consideration."

The Commission **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to approve the foregoing recommendations of Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento, except Items Nos. 1 and 2 with modification, as follows:

- 1) To declare **July 18-23, 2011** as National Persons with Disability (PWD) Registration Week;
- 2) To direct the Offices of the Election Officers to give priority to PWDs during the said registration period;
- 3) To authorize the satellite registrations for PWDs in major cities in accessible venues (e.g. SM Malls) and in barangays where there are many PWD registrants;
- 4) To authorize the launching of massive campaign using tri-media facilities encouraging PWDs to register; and
- 5) To create an *ad hoc* committee for the said activities.

The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

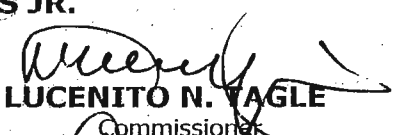
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Let the Office of Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED.


SIXTO S. BRILLANTES JR.
Chairman


RENE V. SARMIENTO
Commissioner


LUCENITO N. YAGLE
Commissioner


ARMANDO C. VELASCO
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