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 EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

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**PRESENT:**

IN THE MATTER OF FIXING  
 THE DEADLINE FOR THE  
 FILING OF PETITION/REQUEST  
 FOR TRANSFER OF POLLING  
 PLACES IN CONNECTION  
 WITH THE MAY 10, 2010,  
 NATIONAL AND LOCAL  
 AUTOMATED ELECTIONS.

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Promulgated: September 23, 2009

**RESOLUTION NO. 8676**

**WHEREAS**, Section 153 of the Omnibus Election Code (OEC) explicitly provides that no location of polling places shall be changed within forty-five (45) days before a regular elections and thirty (30) days before a special election or a referendum or plebiscite, except in case it is destroyed or it cannot be used;

**WHEREAS**, for the May 10, 2010 National and Local Automated Elections, the said prohibition will commence on March 26, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission foresees various petition/request from the registered voters or political parties for the transfer of their polling places in accordance with Section 154 of the OEC;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to fix the deadline for the filing of petition/request for transfer of polling places to jibe with the timelines prescribed by the Commission to perform pre-election activities and to give the Election and Barangay Affairs Department enough period to assess, evaluate and make recommendations to the Commission En Banc and the latter ample time to approve/disapprove such request;

**WHEREAS**, Section 28, Republic Act No. 8436 authorizes the Commission to designate or fix other dates to perform and accomplish certain pre-election acts when it is no longer possible to observe the periods and dates prescribed by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines; the Omnibus Election Code; R.A. No. 8436; and other election laws, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to fix the deadline for the filing of request or petition for the transfer of polling places before the Office of the Election

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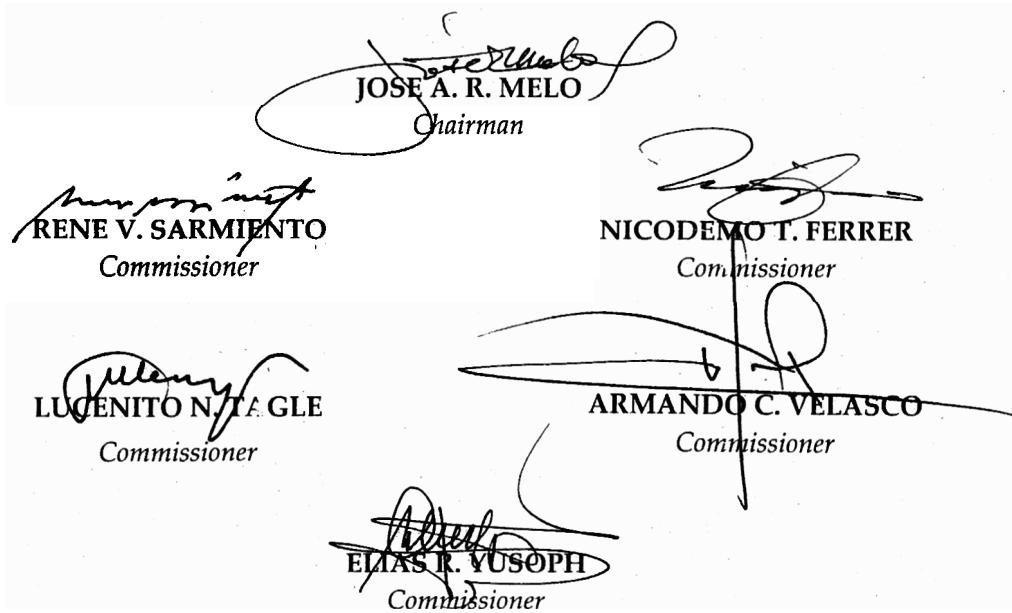
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and Barangay Affairs Department on **November 30, 2009**. No request/petition for transfer of polling place shall be entertained after the deadline, except in case the existing polling place is destroyed or it cannot be used.

All Election Officers/Acting Election Officers are hereby enjoined to conduct ocular inspection of the existing polling places/centers to determine their availability, accessibility and suitability in the forthcoming May 10, 2010 National and Local Automated Elections.

Let the Election and Barangay Affairs Department implement this resolution

**SO ORDERED**



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