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## MEMORANDUM FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors  
All PENROs and CENROs

SUBJECT : **INTENSIFICATION ON THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS NATIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

DATE : **MAR 21 2022**

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In the observance of a free, orderly, honest, peaceful, and credible election, your Offices are being reminded to strictly enforce the prohibition of posting election ads on trees and implementation of a zero wastes election system through adhering to the following laws, rules, and regulations:

- i. Under Section 9 of the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9006 or the Fair Election Act of 2001, states that **posting campaign materials may only be allowed in common poster areas in public places such as plazas, markets, barangay centers, and the like.**
- ii. This is also consistent with Section 21.b. of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Resolution No. 10730 dated 17 November 2021 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9006, which stipulates that **“in no instance shall an Election Officer designate as common poster areas any trees, plants, shrubs, located along public roads, in plazas, parks, school premises of any public grounds.”**
- iii. Violators shall be punished pursuant to Section 3 of R.A. No. 3571 dated 21 June 1963, or an *Act to Prohibit the Cutting, Destroying or Injuring of Planted or Growing Trees, Flowering Plants and Shrubs or Plants of Scenic Value Along Public Roads, in Plazas, Parks, School Premises or in any other Public Pleasure Ground*, which was emphasized and expanded through Section 3 of the Presidential Decree No. 953 dated 6 July 1976, providing for the penalty to **“any person who cuts, destroys, damages or injures naturally growing trees or planted trees of any kind shall be penalized to six (6) months to two (2) years of imprisonment or a fine of Php 500.00 to Php 5,000.00.”**
- iv. Implement the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01 signed by the DENR, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the COMELEC on March 30, 2010, which enjoins political parties, party-list groups, and individual candidates to enforce relevant provisions of R.A. No. 9006 and R.A. No. 9003 dated January 26, 2001, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 on the **reduction of the volume of wastes during the election and post-election periods, encouragement on the use of recyclable, reusable, and environment-friendly materials, and reiterates that the cutting and damaging of trees is strictly prohibited.**

**FOR GUIDANCE AND STRICT COMPLIANCE.**

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