



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02

**DECLARING THE 26th OF JANUARY 2018, FRIDAY, AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY IN
THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO ENSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE
CELEBRATION OF THE 2018 BAMBANTI FESTIVAL**

Whereas, it is the policy of the State to ensure that Filipino heritage and culture are cultivated and promoted;

Whereas, the Province of Isabela has a well-established tradition of celebrating the annual Bambanti Festival as a demonstration of thanksgiving for the Isabeleños' consistently rich agricultural harvest and to celebrate the diligence, resilience, and vigilance that characterize the Isabela farmer and established Isabela as the country's Number One corn producer and biggest rice surplus producer;

Whereas, the Bambanti Festival is a 3-time Aliw Award winner for Best Festival Performance and Practice (2015, 2016, & 2017) and for the year 2018, the Provincial Government of Isabela is organizing the Bambanti Festival from the 22nd to the 27th of January 2018 to celebrate this and Isabela's numerous achievements;

Whereas, the celebration shall kick off on January 22nd with the opening of the Bambanti Festival Village and start of the booth and Giant Bambanti competitions which will be an all-week spectacle spiced up by the much-awaited agro-tourism booths, street dancing showdown, cookfest, and concert party;

Whereas, it is the intent of the Provincial Government to afford Isabeleño families the opportunity to get together during the celebration of the Bambanti Festival and create family environments that breed culture-minded youth and promote the cultivation and promotion of the local culture among members of the present and future generations;

Whereas, it is a yearly undertaking of the Provincial Government to encourage all employees from the public and private sector to participate in or witness the many cultural and trade activities conducted during the Festival, and help the local government in creating national awareness about the Bambanti Festival in the province of Isabela;

NOW, THEREFORE I, FAUSTINO G. DY III, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 26th of January 2018, Friday, as a Special Non-Working Day in the Province of Isabela to ensure full public participation in the celebration of the BAMBANTI FESTIVAL.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 16th day of January, 2018, in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

FAUSTINO G. DY III

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela