



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

ILAGAN CITY

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*Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01**

**DECLARING THE 29<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY 2016, FRIDAY, AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO ENSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE "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**, for the year 2016, the Provincial Government of Isabela is organizing the Bambanti Festival celebration from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2016;

**Whereas**, the celebration shall kick off on January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 sports activities, conduct of medical services, the Festival Costume competition, Festival King & Queen pageant, a grand fireworks display, the much-awaited street dancing showdown in the afternoon of January 29<sup>th</sup>, and the hip hop competition, awards night and grand concert party on the 30<sup>th</sup>;

**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 power vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 as 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
**FAUSTINO G. DY III**  
Provincial Governor

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela