



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
City of Ilagan

*Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02**  
Series of 2019

**DECLARING THE 25<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY 2019, FRIDAY, AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO ENSURE FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2019 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 an Aliw Award HALL OF FAMER for Best Festival Performance and Practice (2015, 2016, & 2017) and for the year 2018, the Provincial Government of Isabela is celebrating the Bambanti Festival from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2019;

**Whereas**, the celebration shall feature the Bambanti Festival Village where much-awaited local goods, native delicacies, and other precious finds are on sale or exhibit in agro-tourism booths; the Festival King and Queen tilt; Giant Bambanti competitions, street dancing showdown, a cookfest showcasing the local fare, and three concert parties showcasing popular performers and fireworks;


**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 Isabeleños to participate and/ 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 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2019, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019, in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
FAUSTINO G. DY III

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela