



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

*Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 47 - 2019**

**ENJOINING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THEIR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE GRANT OF RICE ALLOWANCE/ INCENTIVES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LGU EMPLOYEES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, provides for the exercise by every local government unit (LGU), of powers essential to the promotion of the general welfare, and within its territorial jurisdiction, an LGU shall, among other things, enhance economic prosperity and social justice;

**WHEREAS**, to improve the availability of rice in the Philippine market, prevent artificial rice shortage, address escalating rice prices, and stop corruption and cartel domination in the local rice industry, Congress enacted Republic Act 11203, otherwise known as the Rice Tariffication Law;

**WHEREAS**, RA 11203 provides for the liberalization of rice importation, exportation, and trading of rice and the lifting of quantitative import restrictions on rice, and a 10 Billion-Peso Rice Competitiveness Fund (RCEF), an annual appropriation that will be allocated and disbursed to rice producing areas in the form of grants to LGUs, eligible farmers, and farmer cooperatives, for farm machineries and equipment, seed development, propagation, and promotion, expanded rice credit assistance, and rice extension services;

**WHEREAS**, with the implementation of RA 11203 in the first quarter of 2019 and the resulting flood of imported rice in the market, local palay prices dropped and Filipino farmers have been found incurring heavy financial losses over their failure to recoup their production costs and compete with imported rice, rendering them unable to pay off loans and meet their families' needs;

**WHEREAS**, the impact of RA 11203 is likewise suffered by rice farmers in Isabela, the biggest surplus producer of rice in the country and one of the provinces responsible for sustaining national food security;

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**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Provincial Government and local government units in Isabela to establish intervention measures and develop and execute action plans that will assist local farmers, enhance their incomes and productivity, and ensure the viability of the rice industry in the province as a way of mitigating the impact of Rice Tariffication;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government has helped establish a Cooperative, the NAGKAISANG MAGSASAKA NG ISABELA AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE (NMIAC), which shall purchase palay from local farmers at a competitive price, for buffer stock, rice allowance/incentives for employees, and possible income-generating activities;

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon city and municipal LGUs to assist the NAGKAISANG MAGSASAKA NG ISABELA AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE (NMIAC) and the Provincial Government and complement its farmer assistance projects to ensure the effectiveness of the intervention;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby, **ENJOIN ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THEIR 2020 BUDGET FOR THE GRANT OF RICE ALLOWANCE/INCENTIVES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE LGU EMPLOYEES.**

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Let all heads of government offices in the province of Isabela be furnished copies of this Executive Order.

Done in the City of Ilagan, Isabela October 16, 2019

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor 