



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

## *Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16 -2019**

**ENJOINING ALL CITIZENS USING THE ILAGAN DIVILACAN ROAD TO PLANT OR DONATE TREES TO SUPPORT REFORESTATION EFFORTS ALONG THE SIERRA MADRE**

**Whereas**, the 1987 Constitution provides that it is a State Policy to “protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature” (Section 16, Article II);

**Whereas**, the state recognizes the vital role and importance of trees in ecological stability, Hence, there is a need for a collaborated effort between the State and its citizenry to combat the loss of our natural resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability;

**Whereas**, there is a need to institutionalize public participation in the development and implementation of integrated, comprehensive and ecological environmental protection programs;

**Whereas**, there is an urgent need to intensify efforts to protect and improve the quality of the environment especially along the length of the Ilagan Divilacan Road (IDR) by adopting, wherever relevant, an approach in which environmental protection and restoration would be directed towards preservation of the ecosystem in the area;

**Whereas**, it is the obligation of the Provincial Government and its constituents to protect the remaining forest cover areas of our province not only to prevent flash floods and hazardous flooding but also to preserve biodiversity, protect threatened habitats and sanctuaries of endangered and rare species, and allow natural regeneration of residual forests and development of plantation forests;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby enjoin all citizens using the Ilagan Divilacan Road to plant and donate trees to support reforestation efforts along the Sierra Madre.

For this order, the Office of the Environment and Natural Resources of the Provincial Government shall prepare the necessary implementing guidelines and to coordinate with concerned government agencies for the effective implementation of this Executive Order. The guidelines shall require the submission of periodic reports to the Office of the Governor;

Let copies hereof be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the Body’s subsequent approval and adoption, and other offices for their information and reference.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July in City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor 

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*