



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

*Office of the Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42 -2019

**ENJOINING ALL SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO ENSURE THE PLANTING OF 100 NEW TREES PER YEAR ADJACENT TO THEIR PERIMETER FENCES OR BOUNDARIES AS WINDBREAKERS AND NATURAL BARRIERS**

**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**, the provincial government is at present implementing a Greening Program to revegetate open lands and provide a wholesome environment along populated and most frequently occupied areas;

**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 in schools by adopting, wherever relevant, an approach to achieve carbon neutrality;

**Whereas**, it is the obligation of the local government unit and its constituents to achieve net zero carbon emissions or having a net zero carbon footprint, by balancing a measured amount of emission with an equivalent amount sequestered, through planting trees;


**NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby enjoin all schools in the Province of Isabela to plant 100 trees per year adjacent to their perimeter fences or boundaries as windbreakers and natural barriers, but ensuring it is away from school buildings and power lines;

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 the different schools in the Province through their respective School Division Heads, Presidents, Principals and Headmasters 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 20th day of September in City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
 Governor

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