



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
 City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44 -2019

ENJOINING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RIPARIAN AND URBAN GREENING PROGRAM IN THEIR AREA PARTICULARLY BARANGAYS SITUATED ALONG MAJOR RIVER SYSTEM SUCH AS PINACANAUAN DE ILAGUEN RIVER, MAGAT RIVER AND RIO GRANDE DE CAGAYAN

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, it is the obligation of the State to protect the remaining forest cover areas of the country 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;

Whereas, the watersheds and the river systems supporting existing or proposed hydroelectric power facilities, irrigation systems or existing water facilities are in need of immediate protection and rehabilitation;

Whereas, it is imperative to arrest the degradation, pollution and contamination of the river and water systems and to stem the wanton destruction of the forest resources;

Whereas, the massive expansion of built up areas and the substantial reduction of lowland vegetation precipitate the threatening concentration of air pollution particularly in urban areas;

Whereas, the barangays, with its active citizenry, is among the potent sectors that can effectively and efficiently implement a rapid urban greening program;

Whereas, the provincial government is at present implementing the *Reinforcing Isabela’s Protection and Restoring Isabeleños Adaptability to Nature (RIPARIAN)* Program to revegetate open lands and provide a wholesome aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem along major river systems in the province;

Now Therefore, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby enjoin ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RIPARIAN AND URBAN GREENING PROGRAM IN THEIR AREA PARTICULARLY BARANGAYS SITUATED ALONG MAJOR RIVER SYSTEM SUCH AS PINACANAUAN DE ILAGUEN RIVER, MAGAT RIVER AND RIO GRANDE DE CAGAYAN.

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 barangay officials on localities situated along major river system in the province. 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 2019 in City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
 Governor 

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Nagkaisa para sa Isabela