



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

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DIRECTING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE WITHIN THE PROVINCE AND ENJOINING ALL CHURCHES OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS AND FAITH AS WELL AS ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS FREQUENTED BY THE POPULACE, TO PRACTICE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO HAND HYGIENE, WEARING OF MEDICAL MASK, PRACTICE PROPER COUGHING ETIQUETTE AND MAKING AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES ALCOHOL OR HAND SANITIZERS ON ENTRANCES OR FRONT DESKS AS PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE POSSIBLE INCREASE OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution Section 465 in relation to Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 which popularly known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Local Chief Executive to carry out measures for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

WHEREAS, the novel corona virus identified as "COVID-19" ("the virus"), first discovered in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China ("China"), is a severe, potentially fatal respiratory illness that can result in pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome, septic shock, and multi-organ failure; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus indicates that it is being transmitted through human-to-human contact and outbreaks of the virus in the Philippines and in other countries across the world are being addressed through a combination of quarantining, medical monitoring, and community engagement;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared on January 30, 2020, that COVID-19 is a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern;" and that the Philippines is already one of several countries with a confirmed COVID-19 case and on February 1, 2020, the Department of Health (DOH) had confirmed the first mortality of COVID-19 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-18 which was subsequently amended by Memorandum Circular No. 2020-23 enjoining all local government units (LGUs) to effectively intensify the information, education and communication (IEC) campaign on the COVID-19, and implement programs, projects and services that will promote the general welfare, public health and well-being of every Filipino;

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WHEREAS, in the light of the declaration by the DOH that it has raised the COVID-19 Alert System to CODE RED sublevel 1 as it has confirmed local transmission in the country and in anticipation of possible sustained community transmission, and as pre-emptive call to ensure that the province can prepare for suspected cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, preparation for public health hazards must involve a coordinated effort across national and local governments, first responders and private organizations in the province;

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct all local government units, national government offices in the province of Isabela, educational institutions both public and private within the province and enjoining all churches of different denominations and faith as well as all business establishments frequented by the populace, to practice personal protective measures including but not limited to hand hygiene, wearing of medical mask, practice proper coughing etiquette and making available at all times alcohol or hand sanitizers on entrances or front desks as preventive measures against the possible increase of COVID-19 cases in the province of isabela


Each department, office, division, private entities concerned, and agencies of this province is hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to cooperate fully with the Provincial Government within the limits of its statutory authority and to extend needed assistance on a timely basis as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Order.

Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting

Repealing Clause. All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 7th day of March, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor