



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18 - 2020

ENJOINING AND ENCOURAGING ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROVINCE TO PRIORITIZE ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE DISABLED IN THE EXTENSION OF NEEDED SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE DURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Item k, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9994, otherwise known as the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010", states that provision of express lanes for senior citizens in all commercial and government establishments; in the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. No. 10754 "An Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability (PWD)" and R.A. No. 7277, or the "Magna Carta for Disabled Persons";

WHEREAS, by order of the President of the Republic, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated March 16, 2020 puts the entire island of Luzon under an Enhanced Community Quarantine (the "ECQ", for brevity) from midnight of March 17, 2020 to midnight of April 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the ECQ limits the movement of citizens through measures including strict home quarantine, social distancing, and suspension of mass public transport facilities;

WHEREAS, although most private business establishments have been closed due to the ECQ, those providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e. public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water, and telecommunications supplies and facilities (the "establishments of basic necessities", collectively) shall be open;

WHEREAS, senior citizens and the disabled have the most difficulty in accessing establishments of basic necessities especially during the ECQ;

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this order enjoining and encouraging all establishments in the province to prioritize all senior citizens and the disabled in the extension of needed services and assistance during the effectivity of the enhanced community quarantine in the province

Further, ordering all Local Government Units in the Province to direct such establishments of basic necessities in their respective areas of jurisdiction to observe, under pain of cancellation of business permits upon the termination of the ECQ, such right and priority access for senior citizens and the disabled.

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 27th day of March, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 