

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36

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AN ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE CITY OF ILAGAN UNDER MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ)

WHEREAS, as early as January 2020 the IATF-EID was convened to address the growing viral outbreak in Wuhan, China and on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the entire Philippines, and prompting a whole-of-government approach in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, to unify the mobilization of government assets in addressing the COVID-19 situation, the National Inter Agency Task Force (NIATF) on COVID-19 was established and the creation of local IATF was resolutely encouraged;

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020 the National Task Force on COVID 19 issued Memorandum Circular No. 2 S. 2020 titled "Operational Guidelines on the Application of the Zoning Containment Strategy in the Localization of the National Action Plan Against COVID -19 Response";

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela through the Isabela Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 (IPTF-COVID 19) considers it necessary and urgent to enforce the Zoning Containment Strategy to contain and prevent the spread of the virus, protect the people of the capital city and the entire province as well:

WHEREAS, due to the recent affectation and alarming increase of local cases in the City of Ilagan there is an immediate need to put the entire city under stricter measures and mode of quarantine to safeguard the people from the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of October 6, 2020 the total number of active COVID-19 cases has reached 158 and has spread to 42 barangays including Barangay BLISS Village the most densely populated barangay in the city, affected barangays comprising 46% of the total 91 barangays, placing them under Critical Zones and adjacent barangays as containment zones and within 500 meters thereon as buffer zones of which granular lockdowns was in place as declared by the City Local Government;

WHEREAS, the local affectation had reached the provincial hospital and two other major hospitals. Schools and markets in the Poblacion area are also compromised necessitating calibrated lockdowns in said geographical units as defined under MC No. 2 S. 2020 of the NTF on COVID 19;





WHEREAS, the declaration of MECQ in the City of Ilagan is without prejudice to the declared ECQ classification in Critical Zone Areas;

WHEREAS, there is now a need to intensify all measures to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID 19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 112 issued by President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE on April 30, 2020 and in relation to IATF Resolution Nos. 29, 30, 34 and 51 authorizing the Governor to impose, lift or extend ECQ in component cities and municipalities upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the Inter Agency Task Force;

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 order;

SECTION 1. DECLARATION. The City of Ilagan of this province is hereby placed under a State of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) effective 8:00 PM of October 6 until 8:00 PM October 16, 2020 or unless sooner lifted or withdrawn.

SECTION 2. POLICY AND GUIDELINES. All residents are hereby directed to obey, follow and abide strictly with the minimum public health standards and protocols set under the Omnibus Guidelines for Areas Placed under Modified Enhance Community Quarantine.

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. Violations of any provision of this order shall be subject to penalties pursuant to national laws and local ordinances.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued and/ or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines, particularly the IATF-MEID, pertaining to public health and COVID-19 are hereby incorporated herein and made integral part hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules and regulations including the Omnibus Guidelines as amended shall take precedence over the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting

SECTION 6. 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.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. Issued this 6th day of October, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor

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