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DEVELOPMENT, PROMULGATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OR ANTI-COUNTERFEIT AND ANTI-PIRACY POLICY IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA AND THE PROVINCIAL MASA MASID TASK FORCE TO SPEARHEAD THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION AS ONE OF ITS FUNCTIONS

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article XIV of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of scientists, inventors, artists, and other gifted citizens to their intellectual property and creations, particularly when beneficial to the people;

WHEREAS, the state is committed in enhancing the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to come up with concerted efforts in the policy formulation of the Government in order to effectively combat piracy and counterfeiting of intellectual property rights;

WHEREAS, the policy shall recognize the importance of intellectual property protection, critical in fostering innovation, protection of ideas, businesses and for individuals to reap the full benefits of their creations and inventions, thereby generating more jobs and improving competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the MASA MASID Program was created to focus on conducting information and education campaigns against corruption, criminality, and illegal drugs in communities, establishing reporting mechanisms, formulation community-based rehabilitation/intervention programs for the victims, and promoting the spirit of volunteerism to encourage people to become agents of positive change;

WHEREAS, the MASA MASID TASK FORCE shall formulate and shall serve as the main implementing arm of the intellectual property or anti-counterfeit and anti-piracy policy in the provincial government of Isabela and include this as one of its functions;

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 issue this order: Development, Promulgation and Implementation of Intellectual Property or Anti-Counterfeit and Anti-Piracy Policy in the Provincial Government of Isabela and the Provincial MASA MASID Task Force to spearhead the formulation and implementation as one of its functions.

Section 2. The policy shall include the following prohibitions:

1. Prohibition on the promotion, patronization, sale or offer for sale of counterfeit and/or pirated goods and services,
2. Prohibition on the use of office-issued equipment and gadgets, online accounts, and internet connection in storing and/or downloading pirated materials, and in accessing websites and/or merchants that offer for sale or allow the downloading of such materials or goods. The same shall not apply if the purpose of such storage, downloading, and/or access is to perform legitimate government work, to verify or investigate a report, claim, or complaint, and/or case build-up.
3. Prohibition on the bringing of counterfeited and pirated goods inside the work premises by all persons except for valid reasons similar to the exemptions mentioned under item No. 2.
4. Prohibition on the use of illegitimate and/or unlicensed software in the office – issued equipment;
5. Prohibition on the entry to the office premises of the LGU of known suspected peddlers of pirated materials and/or their agents for the purpose of conducting business or transactions relative to the same. This shall not be made to apply when the purpose or cause of such entry is for any other legal purpose.

Section 3. Enforce the prohibition of pirated materials in government offices through the following:

1. Posting of notices prohibiting counterfeited and pirated goods inside the office premises at all times in conspicuous places, the office's official website and the office's other social media accounts;
2. Establishment of an inspection area in all points of entry of the office building for the conduct of inspection prior to entry, and or secured area where people in possession of pirated materials can deposit the same prior to entry;
3. Conduct of necessary capacity development activities to keep all officials, employees and personnel aware of the policies on the prohibition of pirated materials, this should include all officials and employees holding permanent positions or personnel engaged through Contract of Services, Job Order and Consultants.
4. Creation of a mechanism to report, try and impose sanctions against personnel found to be in violation of the directives of the policy.

Section 4. Funding. Funding for the operations of the Provincial MASA MASID TASK FORCE pertaining to this order shall be sourced from the Office of the Governor.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of the Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Ilagan this 15th day of August 2022.



RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

Governor

