

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF ISABELA City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>03</u> Series of 2023

AN ORDER DIRECTING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE PEACE AND ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) REGISTRATION WITIHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7925, otherwise known as the *"Public Telecommunications Policy Act"* recognizes the essential role of telecommunication in economic development integrity and security of the Philippines, and such shall be social and political fabric of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11934 otherwise known as the "Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Act" states that the State shall promote responsibility in the use of SIM and provide law enforcement agencies and tools to resolve crimes which involve its utilization and a platform to deter the commission of wrongdoings;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the registration and used of SIMs, all new end-users shall be required to register their SIMS with public telecommunication entities (PTEs) as a pre-requisite to the activation and all existing SIM subscribers shall register the same with their respective PTEs within 180 days from the effectivity of the Act or until *April 26, 2023*;

WHEREAS, to ensure public safety in the online window, Local Government Units must exert all efforts to promote responsible use of SIM cards, educate their stakeholders on the benefits of mandatory SIM card registration and guide them through the whole registration;

WHEREAS, an internet connection is required to access SIM registration websites, it may pose a problem in provinces and localities with connectivity issues particularly those barangays located on far-flung areas with no internet signal;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Department of the Interior and Local Government Advisory dated February 3, 2023 encouraging all Local Chief Executives (LCEs) to provide necessary support and assistance to ensure that all of their constituency can register their SIM in an orderly and peaceful manner before the scheduled deadline;





**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:

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All LCEs shall instruct their Punong Barangays to facilitate issuance of barangay certificates to resident with no government issued identification card (ID) which is a requirement for a successful registration. Likewise, all efforts must be exhausted to reach far-flung barangays especially those with no or poor internet signals and assist them in the SIM registration.

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 <u>17th</u> of February , 2023 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

AL. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III Governor