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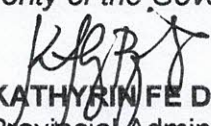
SUBJECT : Executive Order No. 2020-08

Please find attached copy of Executive Order No. 2020, Declaring a Five (5)-day Preparation and Institution of Measures to Address the Ongoing Threat of COVID-19 in the Island Province of Bohol.

For your kind information and proper guidance.

ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor

By Authority of the Governor:


ATTY. KATHYRIN D. PIOQUINTO
Provincial Administrator



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08

**DECLARING A 5-DAY PREPARATION AND INSTITUTION OF MEASURES TO
ADDRESS THE ONGOING THREAT OF COVID-19 IN THE ISLAND
PROVINCE OF BOHOL**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic outbreak that threatens the right of the people to a safe and healthy environment;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health has confirmed the local transmission of the novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, based on the data provided by the Department of Health, as of today, there are 118,326 confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally and 52 are those from the Philippines;

WHEREAS, majority of the foreign tourists in the province are from China, South Korea and continental Europe which are the countries heavily affected by the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, through Proclamation No. 922, declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, such declaration would capacitate government agencies and LGUs to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the country as a whole;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor is empowered to issue executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement of laws and ordinances and to carry out such emergency measures during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities under Section 465 (b)(1)(vii) in relation to Section 465 (b)(2)(iii) of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, disaster is defined as a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic, or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources. Disaster impacts include disease;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease composed of the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Interior and Local

Government (DILG), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Transportation (DOTr) and Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) issued Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020, recommending measures for the management of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, in the case of *Zabal vs. Duterte*,¹ the Supreme Court upheld as a valid exercise of police power Proclamation No. 475 of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte temporarily closing some barangays in Aklan, Boracay for purposes of rehabilitating the island. The Supreme Court ruled that the pressing need to implement urgent measures to rehabilitate Boracay is beyond cavil from the factual milieu that precipitated the President's issuance of Proclamation No. 475. The closure of the island is not a violation of the right to travel as enshrined in the Bill of Rights since police power is an inherent and plenary power of the state. It constitutes an implied limitation to the Bill of Rights and that even liberty itself, the greatest of all rights, is subject to the far more overriding demands and requirements of the greater number;

WHEREAS, the present exigency brought about by COVID-19 makes it imperative for the Province of Bohol to protect its inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, I, **ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**, Governor of the Province of Bohol, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. Domestic and international air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol, excluding domestic air and sea travel of cargoes, **shall be SUSPENDED starting 12:01 A.M. of Monday 16 MARCH 2020 and shall remain effective for a period of FIVE (5) DAYS thereafter, or until 11:59 P.M. of FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020, unless otherwise mandated by circumstances;**
2. All foreign vessels are not allowed to dock in all ports of entry in the province. All members of the crew of vessels in anchorage shall not be allowed to disembark from the vessel for whatever reason;
3. To discourage mass gatherings including the following but not limited to cockfighting, concerts, and other analogous events subject to the sound discretion of the Local Government Units (LGUs) and observance of sanitary and social distancing regulations;
4. Community quarantine shall be imposed in the following situations:
 - A. A barangay-wide quarantine when there is at least two (2) positive COVID-19 cases belonging to different households in the same barangay;
 - B. A municipality/city-wide quarantine when there are at least two (2) positive COVID-19 cases belonging to different barangays in the same municipality/city;
 - C. A province-wide quarantine when there are at least two (2) positive COVID-19 cases belonging to different municipalities/city.
5. Upon the declaration of a state of calamity by the Provincial Government, LGUs shall be allowed to access their Quick Response Fund;

6. A Barangay Emergency Management Plan is hereby created and shall be headed by their respective Punong Barangays with the assistance of the Barangay Health Workers (BHW) who are tasked to do the following:

A. The respective Purok Leaders of each barangay shall make a report which shall contain information of residents with fever, cough, shortness of breath and other respiratory-related afflictions and submit the same to the Barangay Health Worker (BHW) as the secretariat for consolidation;

B. The consolidated daily monitoring reports shall be submitted by the BHW to the Mayor;

C. The Mayor shall immediately submit the consolidated daily monitoring reports to the Provincial Emergency Management Team;


7. The aforementioned measures, other than the five (5) day travel restriction under Item No. 1, shall remain in force until and unless expressly lifted.

Furthermore, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is enjoined to monitor the prices and implement a price freeze of all basic commodities and impose appropriate sanctions and penalties to erring business establishments.

This Executive Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked.

ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES ARE DIRECTED TO STRICTLY COMPLY AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS HEREOF.

Done this 13th day of MARCH, 2020 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor
Province of Bohol