



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53
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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CLOSURE OF ALL CEMETERIES FROM
OCTOBER 29, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2021 TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF
SUPERSPREADER EVENTS DURING UNDas**

WHEREAS, under Section 4 (g) of the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, the local Government Units, while mandated to act within the letter and spirit of all the rules, regulations and directives issued by the National Government and to implement standards of Community Quarantine consistent with what the National Government has laid down for the subject area, are however allowed to continue exercising their autonomy in all matters undefined by the National Government or are within the parameters it has set;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor of Bohol 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 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities under Section 465 (b) (1) (vii) in relation to Section 465 (b) (2) (ii) of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF) has passed a resolution ordering the closure of all cemeteries in the country from October 29 to November 2, 2021 to minimize the risk of superspreader events during "Undas";

WHEREAS, in said resolution, public may visit cemeteries, memorial parks and columbaria before October 29, 2021 or after November 2, 2021, provided such visitors must be limited to ten (10) persons per group, and the venue must only allow thirty percent (30%) capacity, though this can be raised to fifty percent (50%) if the Local Government Unit authorizes it;

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 the closure of all cemeteries in the province **from October 29, 2021 to November 2, 2021 to avoid congregation of people who traditionally flock to the cemeteries during those dates and minimize the risk of superspreader events during "Undas"**;

PROVIDED THAT, the Boholano public may visit cemeteries, memorial parks and columbaria before October 29, 2021 or after November 2, 2021, provided such visitors must be limited to ten (10) persons per group, and the venue must only allow fifty percent (50%) if the Local Government Unit authorizes it;

PROVIDED ALSO, that Masses and religious services during those dates shall be allowed in churches subject to the allowed capacity and following strict health and safety standards and protocols;

PROVIDED FINALLY, that Law Enforcers and Barangay Officials are also enjoined to enforce the Executive Order.

ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor