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PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20 - 004
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**“AN ORDER DECLARING HEIGHTENED ALERT ON NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS FROM CHINA IN THE PROVINCE OF
SURIGAO DEL NORTE”**

WHEREAS, the emerging highly infectious disease known to be caused by a novel coronavirus(2019-nCOV) which originated from Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China is posing a global health threat nowadays;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Department of Health (DOH) are alerted as this is a new virus that is believed to have a mutated hence this increased vigilance and utmost precautionary measures;

WHEREAS, many countries are already affected and the death toll is increasing;

WHEREAS, there has been no reported positive cases yet in the Province of Surigao del Norte and in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, a lot of tourists/travellers by land, sea and air enter the province especially in Siargao Island;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) already issued the Interim Guidelines on 2019-nCOV which will be used especially by our health workers and hospital staff;

NOW THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte, by virtue of the powers rested in me by law, do hereby declare a “Novel Coronavirus Heightened Alert” in the province of Surigao del Norte:

Section 1. Novel Coronavirus Heightened Alert. To raise awareness among residents, tourists, travellers and all concerned agencies and stakeholders on the preventive and promotive aspect and control measures of this highly infectious disease.

Section 2. Epidemiology and Surveillance Activities. To ensure that entry of a potential positive case of Novel Coronavirus be properly documented and managed to prevent spread and undue panic of the public, the following actions be done:

1. All incoming tourists, travellers by land, sea and air must register at all ports of entry with their nationality, history of travel not just from China, hotel where they will stay and contact number;
2. All incoming tourists, travellers by land, sea and air must submit themselves for any medical interventions at their ports of entry. Once symptomatic, they submit for hospital admission or isolation and diagnostic work-up or referral to a higher level of health facility. If asymptomatic, must submit for hotel or home quarantine and close monitoring; and

3. All Rural Health Units (RHU) and hospitals must follow the Interim Guidelines on 2019-nCoV.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Let a copy of this Executive Order be furnished to the Department of Health, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, Office of Municipal Mayors within this Province, and to all concerned derivative agencies for their information and guidance as well as for their dissemination or circulation.

Done this 27th day of January 2020, at the Provincial Capitol, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte.



ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor

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