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“AN ORDER RESTRICTING THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENTRY AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN MAINLAND SURIGAO DEL NORTE”

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) already declared that the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is already a public health emergency on international concern having been infected thousands of people already all over the world;

WHEREAS, *Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991* mandated Local Government Units, among other things, to promote health and safety of the people;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued **Proclamation No. 922 (declaring public health emergency throughout the Philippines)** on 08 March 2020, which provides among others, that “*all government agencies and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation, and mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the Covid-19 threat.*” Moreover, the same presidential proclamation requires “[*a*]*ll citizens, residents, tourists, and establishment owners are urged to act within the bounds of the law and to comply with the lawful directives and advisories to be issued by appropriate government agencies to prevent further transmissions of the Covid-19 and ensure the safety and well-being of all;*”

WHEREAS, the **Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease** issued **Resolution No. 11, series of 2020** raising the Code Alert System for the COVID-19 public health event to Code Red Sublevel Two (2);

WHEREAS, on 14 March 2020, this Province’ Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and the Provincial Development Council held a joint meeting purposely to address, among others, the prevention and control of the spread of COVID-19 in the Province of Surigao del Norte wherein the salient features of this Executive Order have been presented and that none of the members of the said councils interposed any objection to the issuance of this order;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that there are several people in Mainland Surigao del Norte who are considered Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) based on the pertinent guidelines of the Department of Health (DOH) but did not undergo the required mandatory 14-day quarantine.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order: 97

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms. When used in this order, the following terms shall be understood to have the following meaning, to wit:

- a. Mainland Surigao del Norte – pertains to the territorial jurisdiction of Surigao City and Municipalities of Claver, Gigaquit, Mainit, Malimono, Tagana-an, San Francisco, Sison, Placer, Tubod, Alegria, and Bacuag;
- b. Visitor – a tourist or any person visiting Mainland Surigao del Norte for the purpose of pleasure or business;
- c. Surigaonon – refers to a resident of the Province of Surigao del Norte; and
- d. Passing-through vehicles – passenger or cargo vehicles with ultimate destinations outside Mainland Surigao del Norte.

SECTION 2. Restriction as to the Entry of People. – All persons, whether foreigners or Filipinos, are prohibited from entering Mainland Surigao del Norte, except the following:

- a. Persons whose residence, domicile or place of employment is in the Province of Surigao del Norte, provided that they shall be required to present documentary proof of residence or employment such as but not limited to Voter's ID, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) ID, Postal ID, Barangay Certification, School ID, Company ID, Employment Certificate, and/or other government issued IDs at any of the following:
 - i. Port of origin as to persons coming from Siargao whether at the Dapa Port Terminal in Dapa, Del Carmen Port Terminal in Del Carmen, Sta. Monica Port Terminal in Sta. Monica, or Socorro Port Terminal in Socorro, all of this Province;
 - ii. Checkpoints to be established at the borders of Mainland Surigao del Norte in the Municipalities of Alegria, Claver and Mainit;
 - iii. Lipata Ferry Terminal in Surigao City for persons coming from Luzon and/or Visayas; or
 - iv. Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal in Surigao City for persons coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands or coming from the island barangays of Surigao City.
- b. Persons who are armed with a valid travel authority issued by the Department of Health, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Quarantine, and any other National Government Agencies which are members of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the management of emerging infectious disease, requiring them to enter the Province of Surigao del Norte to fulfil their lawful obligation or address an urgent issue of national interest. A valid travel order and government issued ID shall be presented at any of the following:
 - i. Port of origin as to persons coming from Siargao whether at the Dapa Port Terminal in Dapa, Del Carmen Port Terminal in Del Carmen, Sta. Monica Port Terminal in Sta. Monica, or Socorro Port Terminal in Socorro, all of this Province;
 - ii. Checkpoints to be established at the borders of Mainland Surigao del Norte in the Municipalities of Alegria, Claver and Mainit;
 - iii. Lipata Ferry Terminal in Surigao City for persons coming from Luzon and/or Visayas; or

- iv. Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal in Surigao City for persons coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands or coming from the island barangays of Surigao City;
- c. Persons such as medical doctors, nurses, and other medical and non-medical health personnel duly authorized by the undersigned upon the recommendation of the Provincial Health Office, this Province, who are allowed to enter Mainland Surigao del Norte to address issues and concerns pertaining to the prevention and/or control of the spread of COVID-19;
- d. Persons who are considered emergency responders and/or rescuers duly authorized by the undersigned upon the recommendation of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, this Province, who are allowed to enter Mainland Surigao del Norte to address issues and concerns pertaining to the prevention and/or control of the spread of COVID-19; and
- e. Persons delivering goods and commodities such as but not limited to food, fuels, medicines, animal food, medical supplies, medical equipment, and such other basic necessities shall be allowed to enter Mainland Surigao del Norte but up to the designated area/s for alighting said goods or commodities only, which shall be identified by the City/Municipal Mayors of Mainland Surigao del Norte in their respective territorial jurisdiction;

SECTION 3. Health Clearance. All persons (including Surigaonons), who are allowed to gain entry in Mainland Surigao del Norte shall be required to undergo a voluntary 14-day quarantine;

SECTION 4. Temporary Visitors. All temporary visitors (whether foreign or local) in Mainland Surigao del Norte are hereby advised to leave immediately after the issuance of this Executive Order;

SECTION 5. Suspension of Entry of Airplanes. Entry of both commercial and private airplanes at Surigao Airport in Barangay Luna, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte shall be suspended effective 18 March 2020 to 31 March 2020;

SECTION 6. Suspension of Entry of Foreign Vessels. Entry of foreign vessels within the territorial waters of the Province of Surigao del Norte shall be suspended effective 18 March 2020 to 31 March 2020;

SECTION 7. Suspension of Entry of Passenger Vessels Coming from Cebu City. Entry of passenger vessels coming Cebu City within the territorial waters of the Province of Surigao del Norte shall be suspended effective 18 March 2020 to 31 March 2020;

SECTION 8. Docking of Selected Passenger Vessels. Vessels coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands shall be allowed to dock at Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Baseport in Surigao City, and vessels coming from the Province of Leyte shall be allowed to dock at Lipata Ferry Terminal;

SECTION 9. Right of Passage of Passing Through Vehicles. All passing-through vehicles shall be allowed to enter Mainland Surigao del Norte, provided that all cargoes and/or passengers of said vehicles shall not be allowed to leave the confines of their respective vehicles subject to the implementing rules and regulations mentioned in Section 10 of this Order;

SECTION 10. Implementing Rules. The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer together with the Assistant Provincial Administrator for Health and Hospital Concerns, both of this Province, shall, in consultation with the

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Department of Health, formulate rules and regulations to effectively and efficiently implement this order within 24 hours from the date of issuance thereof;

SECTION 11. Implementation. The Philippine National Police (PNP), PNP-Maritime Group, PNP-Aviation Security Group, Philippine Coast Guard, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Maritime Industry Authority, Philippine Ports Authority, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Labor and Employment, National Food Authority, Municipal and Barangay Officials shall, in coordination with the undersigned, strictly implement this Executive Order including its implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby deemed modified or amended accordingly;

SECTION 13. Separability Clause. If any Section or part of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect; and

SECTION 14. Effectivity. This order shall be effective from **18 March 2020 at 12:00 AM** up to **31 March 2020 at 11:59 PM**, unless earlier revoked or extended by another executive order or memorandum order which may be issued by the undersigned.

Done this 14th day of March 2020 at the Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte.



ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor