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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-024
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AN ORDER DECLARING THE ENTIRE CITY OF SURIGAO AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLAVER, MALIMONO AND ALEGRIA, ALL OF THIS PROVINCE, UNDER THE STATE OF “MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ)”

WHEREAS, there is still an increasing confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Surigao and the Municipalities of Claver, Malimono and Alegria, all of this Province as supported by the following number of **ongoing active cases** as of 04 June 2021:

- a.) Surigao City – 192
- b.) Claver – 28
- c.) Malimono – 18
- d.) Alegria – 11

WHEREAS, government and private hospitals have reached their full capacity, coupled with the difficulty in attending to a number of patients, resulting in poor and untimely treatment;

WHEREAS, while contact-tracing is saturated on simultaneous cases to work on, the current count is not truly reflective of the situation due to limited testing capacity;

WHEREAS, the unbridled movement of residents contributed to the spread of the virus in the municipality;

WHEREAS, Private hospitals in Surigao City are no longer accepting admissions of patients for they have already reached the full capacity level due to the increasing number of respiratory cases, which are COVID-19 related symptoms;

WHEREAS, it has become imperative to limit or regulate the movement of the residents to prevent CoViD-19 outbreak throughout the City of Surigao and the Municipalities of Claver, Malimono and Alegria, all of this Province;

WHEREAS, the right to travel may be impaired or regulated in the interest of public safety and public health;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the Local Government Code granted the local government units the power as necessary, appropriate or incidental to effective and efficient provision of the basic services such as, but not limited to, communicable diseases control services.

WHEREAS, there is a need to impose stiffer restrictions pursuant to the guidelines set by the Inter-Agency Task Force on CoViD-19 to contain the possible outbreak of the dreaded disease;

WHEREAS, **Executive Order No. 112, s. 2020** issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte authorizes provincial governors to impose, lift or extend ECQ in component

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cities and municipalities upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the IATF.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor, this Province, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The entire City of Surigao and the Municipalities of Claver, Malimono and Alegria, all of this Province, are hereby declared under the state of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from **05 June 2021 to 11 June 2021**.

SECTION 2. HOME QUARANTINE. All persons, regardless of age, gender and nationality, residing in and/or visiting the City of Surigao and the Municipalities of Claver, Malimono and Alegria, this Province, are hereby ordered to stay inside their homes or dwelling places and shall not be allowed to go outside during the period of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine, except for essential movements.

SECTION 3. TRAVEL RESTRICTION. Movement of all persons within the City and the aforementioned Municipalities shall be limited to work duty in offices, establishments and industries, accessing essential goods and very important transactions. Movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.

All persons below fifteen (15) years old, those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices.

SECTION 4. PHYSICAL DISTANCE. All persons going out of their residences shall observe and maintain physical distance of at least two (2) arms' length (**isa ka dupa**) apart from each other.

SECTION 5. FACE MASKS and FACE SHIELDS. All persons going out of their residences shall likewise wear face masks AND face shields, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof, which can effectively reduce the transmission of Covid-19.

SECTION 6. QUARANTINE PASS AND TRAVEL PASS.

6.1 **Quarantine Pass.** The Punong Barangay shall issue a QUARANTINE PASS (QP) for each household authorizing a family member to go out to access basic household necessities, foodstuff and essential health services.

No QP shall be issued to a senior citizen, a minor, a pregnant woman, a lactating mother, a PWD and those with comorbidities and immunocompromised persons, but they may be allowed to go out from their respective homes under indispensable circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries or office in accordance to Section 3 of this order.

The barangay shall keep a record of the names of the person/family issued with Quarantine Pass. Only ONE (1) Quarantine Pass shall be issued per household with corresponding control number.

Quarantine Passes shall be color-coded. The Punong Barangay shall issue Quarantine Passes in three different colors in equal number for each color indicating the two (2) days of the week when the bearer shall be allowed to

go out of their residence. **All colors of QP shall be recognized during Sundays.**

For purposes of uniformity, the following shall be the color for the day of the Quarantine Pass:

LUNES HUWEBES	MARTES BIERNES	MIERKOLES SABADO
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- 6.2 **Travel Pass.** For those residents of the municipalities of this Province which are not under the state of MECQ shall secure a color coded Travel Pass (TP) from their respective Municipal Mayors for them to be able to access essential goods and services from the City of Surigao and/or from the aforementioned city and municipalities which are under MECQ. All colors of TP shall be recognized during Sundays.

For purposes of uniformity, the following shall be the color for the day of the Travel Pass:

LUNES HUWEBES	MARTES BIERNES	MIERKOLES SABADO
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SECTION 7. WORK PASS. Workers and employers in both government and private establishments shall be allowed to go out from their homes upon presentation of a valid proof of residence and of employment. An employee's ID which also indicate one's residence/address is sufficient. Those working in the informal sector and without employee's ID shall secure a **Work Pass** from the Mayor's Office where they respectively reside.

SECTION 8. LIQUOR BAN. The sale and drinking of liquor in public and private places are hereby prohibited.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORTATION. Public land transportation within the respective city/municipal limits such as tricycles, multicabs and jeepneys is hereby allowed under the following conditions:

- a) In order to ensure social distancing, **tricycles** are allowed to carry a maximum of **THREE (3) passengers only**: one (1) seated in front and two (2) seated at the back.
- b) **Multicabs** are allowed to carry a maximum of **NINE (9) passengers only**: one (1) in front, and eight (8) passengers at the back [four (4) each side].
- c) **Jeepneys** are allowed to carry a maximum of **ELEVEN (11) passengers only**: one (1) in front, and ten (10) passengers at the back [five (5) each side].
- d) All drivers and passengers shall, at all times, wear **FACE MASKS AND FACE SHIELDS** while on board. Drivers shall not allow passengers to ride without wearing face masks and face shields.
- e) Back riding in single motorcycles-for-hire locally known as habal-habal is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- f) Privately-used single motorcycle is **ALLOWED** with only ONE back rider who is a member of the immediate family of the driver (husband-wife, parent-child, brothers-sisters). Back riding shall be up to 6:00 P.M. only.

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SECTION 10. PRIVATE VEHICLES INSPECTION. Passengers in privately-owned vehicles shall likewise maintain physical distance and shall wear face masks and face shields. Private cars are allowed to operate for the purpose of essential travels, and not for leisure.

Cars shall be allowed one (1) passenger to occupy the front seat, while front-facing seats shall not exceed two (2) passengers per row.

The PNP is authorized to inspect and check the physical distance as well as the face masks and face shields of the passengers inside those private vehicles. Vehicle drivers are required to open/lower the dark-tinted windows to allow visual inspection by the PNP.

SECTION 11. MASS GATHERINGS. Mass gatherings are strictly prohibited except for:

- a) Gatherings which are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities;
- b) Religious gatherings but limited up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity only; and
- c) Wakes and funerals but limited to immediate family members only.

SECTION 12. INDOOR DINE-IN SERVICES. Indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants and eateries may be allowed but up to thirty percent (30%) of venue capacity only, and shall stop their respective operations before the curfew starts.

SECTION 13. SUSPENSION OF CLASSES. Face-to-face school classes at all levels shall be suspended until further orders.

SECTION 14. BUSINESS HOURS. Grocery stores, agri-fishery supply stores, veterinary supplies, pharmacies, and other retail establishments may open to serve their customers for a maximum of 12 hours, but shall be closed before the curfew starts. Banks and remittance centers may open and close at their usual business hours.

SECTION 15. CUSTOMER ENTRY. All persons (workers and customers) entering offices and establishments shall wear their face masks and face shields at all times while inside those establishments, and shall maintain physical distance. Offices and establishments shall provide at their entrances either hand-washing facility with soap and water, or alcohol spray.

Before entering these offices and establishments, clients or customers shall present their Quarantine Pass to check the color code for the day. They shall either wash their hands using soap and water, or apply alcohol in their hands. They shall likewise take the body temperature of the clients/customers and present their e-HEALTH Pass for contact tracing purposes.

Any person who does not cooperate with the foregoing requirements shall be DENIED entry to such office or establishment.

SECTION 16. CURFEW HOURS. Curfew hours from 9:00 PM until 4:00 AM shall be observed. All persons, regardless of age, gender, and nationality shall stay inside their homes or dwelling places during this period. All business establishments allowed to open and operate under MECQ shall be closed during curfew hours. All private vehicles shall be prohibited from roaming around during this period, except carrying patients to the medical facilities. Public utility vehicles shall likewise be prohibited to solicit and convey passengers during curfew hours.

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Exempted from curfew hours are the health workers, emergency responders, maintenance crew of SURNECO and Water Districts, security guards, funeral service crew, firemen, police officers, other law enforcers, local officials and barangay tanods performing their duties during curfew hours.

SECTION 17. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All relevant and existing national laws, provincial ordinances and other national and local rules and regulations are hereby adopted and incorporated in this order.

All provisions of EO No. 21-010, s. 2021 (as supplemented and/or amended by the succeeding memoranda), *An Order Establishing Mandatory Protocols And Requirements For Travelers Going to the Province of Surigao del Norte in Accordance with IATF Resolution No. 101 dated February 26, 2021* issued by the undersigned, which are not inconsistent to any of the provisions of this EO shall remain in full force and effect especially on the requirements of all persons traveling to this Province.

SECTION 18. ENFORCEMENT. The concerned City/Municipal and Barangay Officials, Philippine National Police, Philippine Army, Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Philippine Coast Guard having jurisdiction in this Province are hereby directed to strictly enforce this Order.

SECTION 19. ROLE OF PUNONG BARANGAYS. The Punong Barangays shall lead their Tanods in their respective barangays in assisting the aforementioned uniformed personnel.

Each barangay shall set up barangay checkpoints to monitor the movement of persons without valid Quarantine Pass for the day.

Barangay officials who fail to implement this Executive Order within their barangay shall be held administratively liable for gross neglect of duty.

SECTION 20. PUBLIC INFORMATION. The Public Information Center shall cause the widest dissemination of this Executive Order through local radio stations (AM & FM), local newspapers, and the social media.

SECTION 21. REPEALING/SURVIVOR CLAUSE. All prior orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision or part of this Executive Order be declared unconstitutional or invalid, all the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. This Executive Order shall take effect on **05 June 2021 (Saturday) until 11 June 2021 (Friday)**. This Order may be supplemented by the succeeding memoranda and/or extended when circumstances so warrant.

So ORDERED.

Done this **4th** day of **June 2021** at the Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte, Philippines,


ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor