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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9

Series of 2021

### ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING IATF RESOLUTION NO. 104 SERIES OF 2021 DATED 20 MARCH 2021 PLACING THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) FROM 22 MARCH UNTIL 04 APRIL 2021

**WHEREAS**, on 08 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 922* declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and enjoined all local government units (LGU) to render full assistance and cooperation 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 government and the community;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 March 2020, President Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 929* declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Bulacan has been placed under different quarantine classifications and, on 21 March 2021, was placed by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) from 22 March until 04 April 2021, together with the National Capital Region and the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 465, Par. (b) of the Local Government Code, the Provincial Governor, as the chief executive of the provincial government, is authorized to adopt such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities, issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances, and ensure that the acts of all LGUs in the province and their officials are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties, and functions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL R. FERNANDO**, Provincial Governor of Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. IMPLEMENTING THE IATF RESOLUTION NO. 104 SERIES OF 2021.** ---The applicable provisions of *IATF Resolution No. 104, series of 2021* for the strict implementation of the guidelines on the enforcement of a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the Province of Bulacan is hereby adopted, more particularly:

- a. To prevent the further transmission of COVID-19, only essential travel into and out of the province shall be allowed. Public transportation shall remain to be operational





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at such capacities and protocols in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation (DOTr). The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted.

- b. All mass gatherings including religious gatherings shall be prohibited. The holding of face-to-face meetings are highly discouraged and, in the alternative, virtual meetings are highly encouraged.
- c. The holding of weddings, baptisms, and funeral services shall be limited to ten (10) attendees or celebrants only.
- d. Current operational capacities of essential and non-essential services/industries shall be maintained, subject to adherence to safety protocols and minimum public health standards, particularly in the prohibition of aggregation of people in communal areas such as pantries, canteens, and similar places. The private sector is enjoined to adopt similar alternative working arrangements as those already in place in the executive branch of government, *i.e.* between thirty percent (30%) and fifty percent (50%) operational or on-site capacity, where applicable.
- e. Restaurants, cafes, and similar establishments may be allowed to provide dining services but these shall be limited to delivery and take-out services. Outdoor or *al fresco* dining may be allowed, *provided* that additional engineering and administrative controls for safety are put in place, such as, but not limited to, installation of acrylic or similar dividers, limiting the occupancy of each table to only two (2) persons with appropriate seating arrangements (one seat apart in a diagonal configuration), and other similar configurations, and subject to *Paragraph (h)* hereof.
- f. The suspension of operations of businesses/industries pursuant to *IATF Resolution No. 103* issued on 18 March 2021 is hereby reiterated. The operation of driving schools, traditional cinemas, video and interactive game arcades, libraries, archives, museums, and cultural centers, limited social events at accredited establishments of the Department of Tourism (DOT), and limited tourist attractions (except open-air tourist attractions) shall be temporarily suspended.
- g. Cockfighting and cockpit operations shall be temporarily suspended.
- h. The venue capacity of restaurants and cafes for outdoor and *al fresco* dining, as well as personal care services, shall be reduced to a maximum of fifty percent (50%).





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- i. A curfew shall be imposed throughout the entire province from 10:00p.m. until 5:00 a.m. of the next day. Workers, cargo vehicles, and public transportation, however, shall be exempted from the curfew.
- j. Any person below eighteen (18) and above sixty-five (65) years old, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any persons who reside with the aforementioned, 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 their respective industries and offices.
- k. Persons above sixty-five (65) years old may be allowed to engage in outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of outdoor exercises. Persons with disability (PWD) may be allowed outdoors for their therapy and for outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of outdoor exercises, upon presentation of prescription from their physicians or presentation of PWD ID.
- l. Personal visits to non-family or non-household members are strongly discouraged. The wearing of masks at all times, even inside homes and other private areas where people congregate, is strongly advised.
- m. All other issuances and guidelines issued by the IATF, the national agencies of the government, and the LGUs in the province applicable to the GCQ shall remain in effect.

**Section 2. INCORPORATION CLAUSE.** --- All laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the authorized officials and agencies of the national government in relation to COVID-19 and the implementation of the GCQ are hereby incorporated and shall form integral parts hereof.

**Section 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** --- If any part or provision of this *Executive Order* is held invalid or unconstitutional, by any court of competent authority, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

**Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE.** --- All executive orders, related rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this *Executive Order* are hereby replaced or modified accordingly.

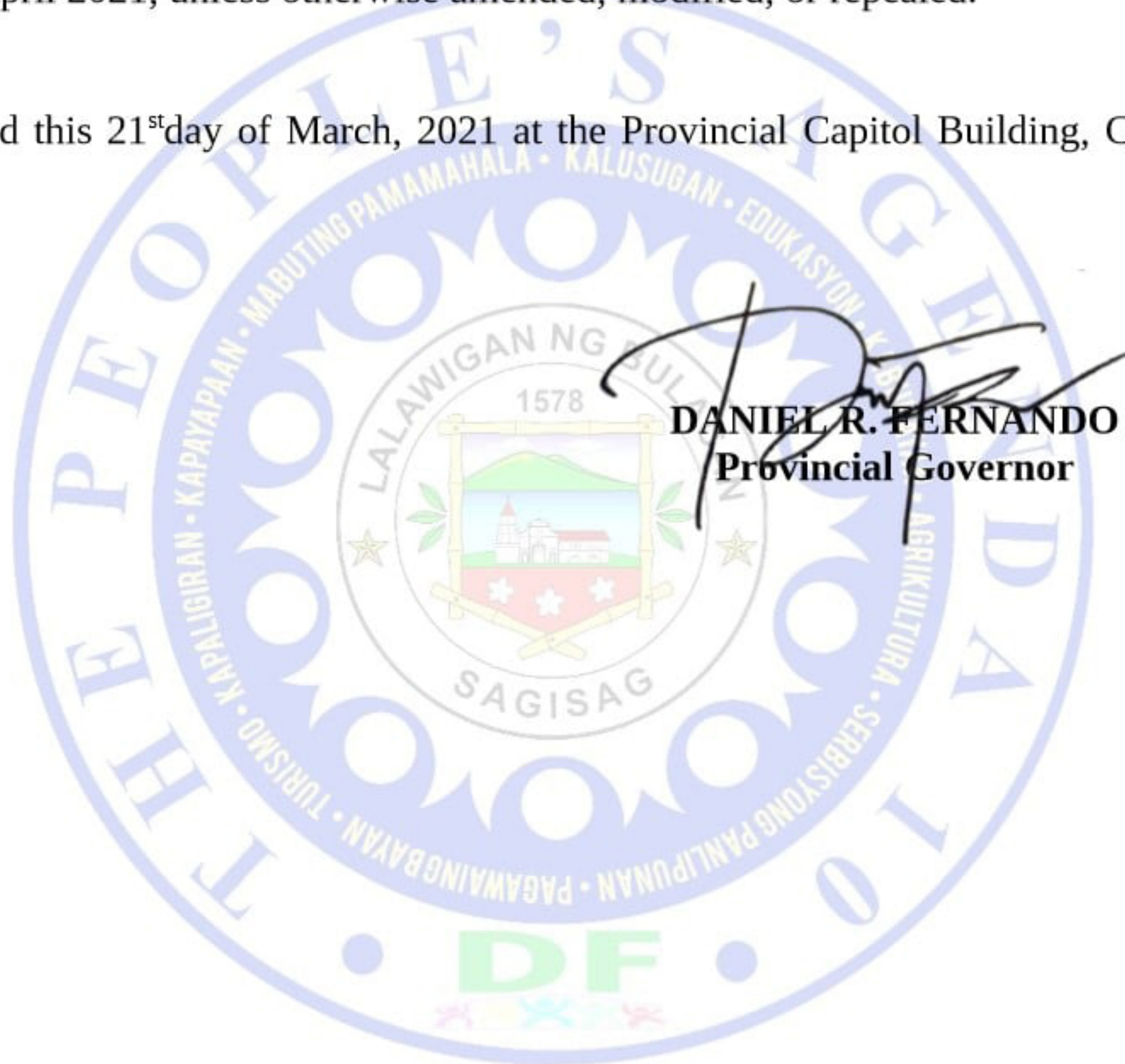




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**Section 5. EFFECTIVITY.** --- This *Executive Order* shall take effect at midnight of 22 March 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 04 April 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.



**DANIEL R. FERNANDO**  
Provincial Governor