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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 Series of 2021

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING APPROVAL FROM THE BULACAN PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE PRIOR TO THE CONDUCT OF ANY MASS GATHERING AND SUBMISSION OF A CHECKLIST SHOWING COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, under *Section 15, Article II of the Constitution*, the State undertakes to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, *Presidential Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020*, was promulgated on 16 March 2020 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six(6) months due to the Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19), unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, after such declaration of a State of Calamity, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a COVID-19 pandemic and the number of infected individuals in the Philippines continued to rise;

WHEREAS, under *Presidential Proclamation No. 1021, s. 2020*, the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines was extended up to 12 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances warrant;

WHEREAS, the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases through *Resolution No. 88, Series of 2020*, dated 14 December 2020, allowed restricted mass gatherings in places under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) such as the Province of Bulacan, provided there is strict compliance with Section 5 of the Omnibus Guidelines of the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines which included observance of the minimum public health standards and that participants at mass gatherings shall be limited only to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor has the power to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities and to issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances, respectively under *(b) (1) (vii) and (b) (2) (iii) of Section 465 of Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code)*.

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

Section 1. APPROVAL OF MASS GATHERINGS. -- Prior to the holding of any mass gatherings in the Province of Bulacan, the organizer thereof must seek approval from the Bulacan Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 Response.

Section 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL. -- The Bulacan Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 Response, in order to consider the application for approval of the conduct

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of the mass gatherings, hereby requires submission, at least ten (10) calendar days before the intended date of the event, of the following:

A. Letter from the organizer addressed to the Bulacan Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 Response, clearly stating the nature and purpose of the mass gathering and seeking approval for its conduct.

B. Sworn Statement from the organizer that he or she is the responsible individual.

C. The organizer, in the same Sworn Statement as above, must state that he or she, under pain of penalty imposed by applicable laws, must implement measures ensuring that the mass gathering shall be limited only to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.

D. The organizer must submit a checklist showing compliance with the following:

1. Title of the Activity/Event;
2. Brief Description/Objective;
3. Date and Time;
4. Program of Activities including its estimated duration;
5. Name of Organizer;
6. Requesting Party (Name, Designation, Agency/LGU, contact details);
7. Number and General Profile of Participants;
8. Venue and Calculated Capacity (to include Floor Area);
9. Health/Infection Control Policy, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Triage Area;
 - b. Hand Washing Areas;
 - c. Waste Management (to include disposal of infectious waste, i.e., face masks, etc.);
 - d. Hospital Referral System;
 - e. COVID-19 and Safety Officers;
 - f. Presence of Ambulance/ Transfer Vehicle; and
 - g. Risk and Crisis Communication Officers.
10. Event Action Plan, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Incident Management Team;
 - b. Lay Out of Venue with Directional Signs for Entry/Exit;
 - c. Contingency Plan;
 - d. Evacuation Plan; and
 - e. Directory.

E. An After-Activity Report shall be submitted by the organizer within five (5) days from the conduct of the event.

Section 3. MONITORING. -- Members and the authorized representatives of the Bulacan Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 Response are hereby directed to strictly monitor compliance with the foregoing Executive Order to ensure the safety and security of the participants in particular, and the public in general. The Local Chief Executives and their

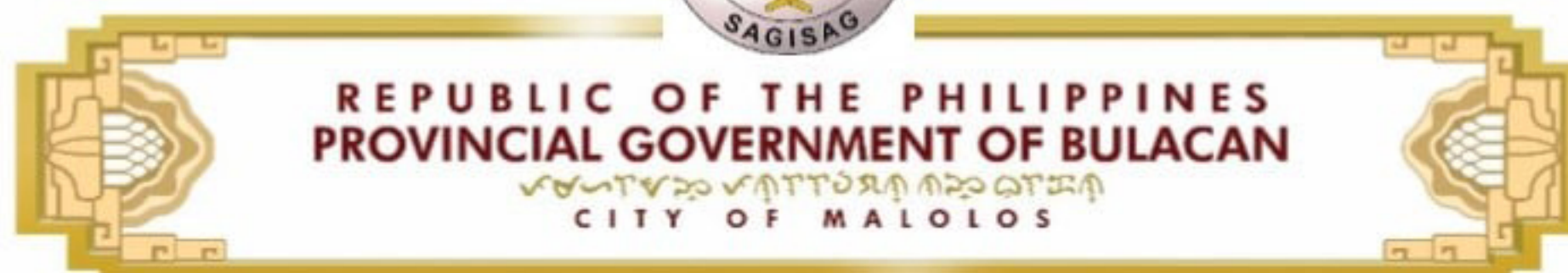
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authorized representatives, as well as concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, are empowered to monitor strict compliance with this Executive Order in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Section 4. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. -- All pertinent issuances of the Department of Health, Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, The Bulacan Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 Response, including relevant rules and regulations adopted by the Local Government Units concerned, shall be deemed an integral part of this Executive Order by reference and incorporation.

Section 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. -- If any part or provision of this *Executive Order* is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. -- All executive orders, related rules and regulations, including other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed, replaced and/or modified accordingly.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. -- This *Executive Order* shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until revoked or otherwise amended, modified or repealed by a subsequent Executive Order, or laws, or issuances by duly constituted authorities.

Issued this 25th day of January 2021, at the Office of the Governor, Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.


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