



**Executive Order No. 20-22
Series of 2020**

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING THE MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASKS WHEN GOING OUT IN PUBLIC IN NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, as a disease prevention and control measure in limiting the spread of COVID-19, the Provincial Health Office has recommended the use of face masks to be mandatory when going out in public in Negros Occidental;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASKS WHEN GOING OUT IN PUBLIC. All persons are hereby required to wear face masks outside their residences, within the territory of Negros Occidental.

SECTION 2. DURATION. This Order shall remain effective until lifted by the undersigned.

SECTION 3. FACE MASK. Reusable face masks shall be encouraged. A face mask is any fabric, lining, or barrier that can cover the nose and mouth of the wearer which includes but is not limited to, cloth masks, bandanas, surgical masks and the other similar forms.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. Violations of this Order shall be punishable in accordance with the applicable penalties provided under Section 10 of RA No. 11332 and other applicable laws.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 31st day of March, 2020.

EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor