



Executive Order No. 45
Series of 2020

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS, CEMETERIES AND COLUMBARIES OVER THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM OCTOBER 30, 2020 UNTIL NOVEMBER 2, 2020

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

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 series of 2020, wherein Local Government Units are enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of 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, the Province of Negros Occidental has 2,119 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases as of September 13, 2020 while the entire country has more than 265,888 COVID-19 positive cases as of September 14, 2020. Because of the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the Province and in our country, there is a compelling reason to regulate the operation of all memorial parks, cemeteries and columbaries in the Province in view of the nearing tradition of All Saints' Day and All souls' Day in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in order to sustain the efforts of the Province to contain the spread of the virus, there is an urgent need to prohibit the influx of people in all public and private memorial parks, cemeteries and columbaries over the Province in order to avoid mass gathering and possible transmission of virus;

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. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS, CEMETERIES AND COLUMBARIES IN THE PROVINCE. All private and public memorial parks, cemeteries and columbaries over the Province of Negros Occidental shall be temporarily closed from October 30, 2020 until November 2, 2020. Further, all component cities and municipalities under the Province of Negros Occidental are hereby directed to comply and implement this Executive Order through their respective Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Traffic Management Authority, with the assistance of the Philippine National Police and Force Multipliers.

SECTION 2. DURATION. The temporary closure of all public and private memorial parks, cemeteries and columbaries in the Province shall commence at 12:01 am of October 30, 2020 and shall remain in force and effect until 11:59 pm of November 2, 2020.

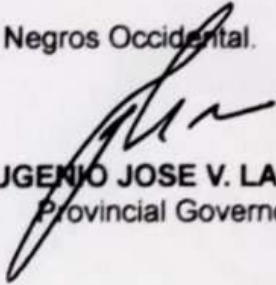
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SECTION 3. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. For effective information dissemination, all LGUs shall serve copies and apprise all barangay officials of this Executive Order.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. All persons and/or establishments violating the provisions of this Executive Order, as well as the established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, other agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal charges.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:01 am of October 30, 2020.

Issued this 15th day of September, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor