



**Executive Order No. 20-43
Series of 2020**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE MODIFIED
GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OVER THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Resolution No. 60-A, series of 2020, dated July 30, 2020 of the IATF-EID classified the Province of Negros Occidental as a low-risk administrative province wherein a Modified General Community Quarantine shall be implemented;

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under Modified General Community Quarantine under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-25, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Placing the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Under Modified General Community Quarantine", and further extended for a fifth time under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-35, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until August 15, 2020";

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental has 1069 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases as of August 13, 2020 while the entire country has more than 217,396 COVID-19 positive cases. Because of the rising number of COVID-19 cases in our country, there is still a need to place the Province of Negros Occidental under Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, from August 30, 2020 to August 31, 2020, the Cities of Talisay, Silay, Bago, and the Municipality of Murcia were placed under a Timeout Weekend under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-42, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Declaring a Timeout Weekend Over the Cities of Talisay, Silay, Bago, and the Municipality of Murcia From August 30, 2020 to August 31, 2020" for the conduct of COVID-19 Mass Testing;

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. EXTENSION OF MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The Modified General Community Quarantine over the entire Province of Negros Occidental is hereby extended until 11:59 pm of September 15, 2020. The provisions of Executive Order No. 20-25, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Placing the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Under Modified General Community Quarantine", Executive Order No. 20-26, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until June 30, 2020", Executive Order No. 20-28, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until July 15, 2020", and Executive Order No. 20-32, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until July 31, 2020", and the amendments thereto shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. MORATORIUM ON ALL DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND SEA TRAVEL. Domestic Flights and Sea Travel going to the Province of Negros Occidental shall be suspended from September 1, 2020 to September 7, 2020. All quarantine facilities of the Province shall be utilized to accommodate the influx of COVID-19 positive cases as a result of the Timeout Weekend Mass Testing conducted in the Cities of Talisay, Silay, Bago and the Municipality of Murcia from August 30, 2020 to August 31, 2020. As such, there will be no adequate quarantine facilities ready to hold returning Negrense OFWs and LSI during this period.

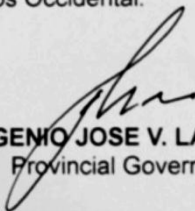
SECTION 3. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. For effective information dissemination, all LGUs shall serve copies and apprise all barangay officials of this Executive Order.

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. 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 at 12:00 am of September 1, 2020.

Issued this 31st day of August, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor