



**Executive Order No. 21-21**  
**Series of 2021**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING STRIGENT MEASURES ON MASS GATHERINGS IN ORDER TO CURB THE CURRENT SURGE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**

**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**, on April 3, 2021, the COVID-19 IATF-EID issued the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines with Amendments;

**WHEREAS**, there is a current epidemic surge in the Province wherein COVID-19 active cases increased from 58 positive cases in February 2021 to 635 positive cases as of April 7, 2021. The Provincial Incident Management Team (PIMT) has recommended to the undersigned to limit mass gatherings in order to curb the local transmission of the COVID-19 virus in the Province;

**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. LIMITATION ON MASS GATHERINGS.** Gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the seating or venue capacity. Participants shall strictly observe the minimum public health standards, and the establishments or venues where the gatherings will take place shall strictly comply with ventilation standards as provided for under relevant issuances of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

**SECTION 2. LOCALIZED AND TARGETED LOCKDOWN.** Lockdown shall only be limited to specific areas within the respective Local Government Units (LGUs) under the Province of Negros Occidental and shall not include national roads. Each LGU shall have the discretion to declare localized and targeted lockdown within their respective jurisdictions.

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

**SECTION 4. 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 5. AMENDMENTS.** Any of the above provisions may be subject to amendments, pursuant to any issuances by the National IATF or as justified by other compelling circumstances.

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

Issued this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.



**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Provincial Governor