



Executive Order No. 21-43
Series of 2021

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE GENERAL
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) OVER THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

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 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", extended under the provisions of 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", extended under the provisions of 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", extended under the provisions of 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", extended 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" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-36, 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 31, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-43 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until September 15, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 44 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until September 30, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-46 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until October 31, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-47 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until November 30, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-52 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until December 31, 2020" and further extended under the

provisions of Executive Order No. 20-55 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until January 31, 2021 and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-05 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until February 28, 2021 and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-14 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until March 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-20 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until April 30, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-24 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until May 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-27 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until June 30, 2021";

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under General Community Quarantine under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-33, entitled: "An Executive Order Placing The Entire Province Of Negros Occidental Under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) Until July 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-39 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until August 31, 2021";

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental has 22,846 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases as of August 30, 2021 while the entire country has more than 1,976,202 COVID-19 positive cases as of August 30, 2021. Because of the constant rising number of COVID-19 cases in our country, there is a need to place the Province of Negros Occidental under General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, the National Inter-Agency Task Force in a press briefer on August 28, 2021, recommended that the Province of Negros Occidental retain its community quarantine status under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) for the month of September;

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 GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The General Community Quarantine (GCQ) over the entire Province of Negros Occidental is hereby extended until 11:59 pm of September 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. UNIFORM TRAVEL PROTOCOLS. Executive Order No. 21-38, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Implementing More Stringent Travel Protocols for Inbound Travel to the Province of Negros Occidental in order to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Delta Variant in the Province" shall remain in full force and effect.

EXCEPTION. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS/PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. The provisions of IATF Resolution No. 98-A, Series of 2021 shall be in full force and effect. Government officials/personnel on official business shall be allowed unimpeded travel to their place of destination, provided that they:

- a. Present valid IDs issued by their respective government agency;
- b. Present original or certified true copy of travel authority/order issued by the Department Secretary or his/her designated official;



- c. Pass symptom screening at the port upon arrival, and in case of public transport, upon boarding; and
- d. Strictly comply with the minimum public health standards.

SECTION 3. STRINGENT MEASURES ON MASS GATHERINGS. Executive Order No. 21-21, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Implementing Stringent Measures on Mass Gatherings in Order to Curb the Current Surge of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in the Province of Negros Occidental" shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. CLOSURE OF ESTABLISHMENTS. The following establishments shall be closed during the duration of the GCQ:

- a. Entertainment venues (bars, concert halls, theatre, etc.)
- b. Recreational venues (net cafes, billiards, arcades, etc.)
- c. Amusement parks, fairs, playgrounds, kiddie rides
- d. Traditional cockfighting and cockpits

SECTION 5. CURFEW HOURS. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 21-27, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine Over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Until June 30, 2021" shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. MANDATORY REGISTRATION TO THE SAFE, SWIFT, AND SMART PASSAGE (SPaSS) AND STAYSAFE.PH APPLICATIONS. Executive Order No. 21-23, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Requiring the Mandatory Registration of All Travelers to the Province of Negros Occidental to the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System, and All Individuals and Establishments to the StaySafe.ph Application as the Official Social Distancing, Health condition Reporting, and Contact Tracing Application System of the Province" shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. For effective information dissemination, all LGUs shall serve copies and apprise all barangay officials of this Executive Order.

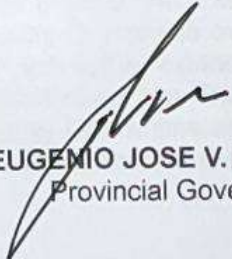
SECTION 8. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. All persons and/or establishments who do not comply with the provisions of this Executive Order, as well as the established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, other agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 9. 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 10. 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 11. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00 am of September 1, 2021.

Issued this 31st day of August, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor