



Executive Order No. 21-47
Series of 2021

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, 2021 UNTIL NOVEMBER 2, 2021

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1218, Series of 2021 further extending the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) until September 12, 2022;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 1218, Series of 2021, 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 31,453 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases as of October 13, 2021. Because of the constant rising number of COVID-19 cases in the Province, there is a compelling reason to regulating 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 COVID-19 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 gatherings and prevent the outbreak of the COVID-19 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 OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. All private and private memorial parks, cemeteries, and columbaries over the Province of Negros Occidental shall be temporarily closed from October 30, 2021 until November 2, 2021. 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 12:01am of October 30, 2021 and shall remain in force and effect until 11:59 pm of November 2, 2021.

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

SECTION 4. 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 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 at 12:01 am of October 30, 2021.

Issued this 14th day of October, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor