



Executive Order No. 21-59
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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF CALAMITY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL DUE TO SUPER TYPHOON ODETTE

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2021, Super Typhoon Odette made landfall in the Province of Negros Occidental causing destruction and devastation of homes, properties, agricultural crops, and livestock due to floods, heavy rains, and strong winds ranging from 185kph to 205 kph;

WHEREAS, based on the initial assessment of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Super Typhoon Odette has caused 38 deaths, destruction of 3,764 houses and damaging 16,477, and the devastation of agricultural crops and livestock in the Province with the numbers expected to rise as more reports are coming in and communication lines are repaired;

WHEREAS, it has also been reported that there are numerous families that has been greatly affected by the Super Typhoon in terms of damage to their dwelling, livelihood, agricultural and fisheries business;

WHEREAS, due to the severity of Super Typhoon Odette's destruction, there is an immediate need to declare a State of Calamity across the entire Province of Negros Occidental;

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, safety, and general welfare of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 465 of the same Code empowers the Provincial Government to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of a natural disaster or calamity;

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:

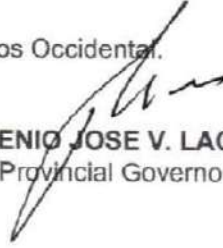
SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF STATE OF CALAMITY OVER THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. The entire Province of Negros Occidental is hereby placed under a State of Calamity due to the destruction caused by Super Typhoon Odette.

SECTION 2. SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN (SP) RESOLUTION TO ADOPT DECLARATION OF STATE OF CALAMITY. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan is urged to immediately convene to pass a resolution adopting the herein declaration and provide for the following:

- A. RELEASE OF CALAMITY FUND.** The SP is implored to provide in its resolution that a portion of the calamity fund be released to extend immediate assistance to those affected by the Super Typhoon, and which will greatly aid the rescue, relief, and rehabilitation efforts of the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental.
- B. PRICE FREEZE ON BASIC NECESSITIES AND PRIME COMMODITIES.** The SP is further implored to provide in its resolution that a price freeze on basic necessities and prime commodities be imposed over the entire Province of Negros Occidental in order to curb predatory pricing by businesses and hoarding of goods.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall be lifted upon the recommendation of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

Issued this 20th day of December, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor 