



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53**

**Series of 2020**

**“AN ORDER BANNING FUNERAL PROCESSIONS AND LIMITING WAKES AND FUNERALS TO THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED”**

**WHEREAS**, the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the State under Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness in them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code authorizes local government units to exercise its powers, as well as those necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease Resolution No. 11 Series of 2020 dated March 12, 2020 prohibits the conduct of mass gatherings;

**WHEREAS**, this Office issued on March 14, 2020 Executive Order No. 23, entitled: *“An Order Suspending the Conduct of Mass Gatherings such as but not limited to Barangay People’s Day, Barangay Assemblies, Night Market, and Cockfights in Tuguegarao City”* which prohibits ANY gathering in the city, especially in small venues with relatively high concentration of people;

**WHEREAS**, despite these issuances, this Office has been receiving reports of the conduct of wakes and funeral processions thereby increasing the risk of the possible spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, in order to maintain the COVID-free status of Tuguegarao City, it is imperative to regulate the conduct of wakes and funerals and to ban funeral processions in compliance with IATF Guidelines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO**, City Mayor of Tuguegarao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Scope and Application.** This Order applies to deaths of individuals in Tuguegarao City NOT declared as suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

**Section 2. *Wakes and Funerals Limited to Immediate Families.*** Only the immediate family of the deceased and ministers or officiants are allowed to attend wakes and funerals.

**Section 3. *Wakes Limited to Three Nights.*** The conduct of wakes should not be longer than three (3) nights only.

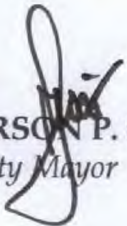
**Section 4. *Funeral Processions Banned.*** The conduct of funeral procession in Tuguegarao City shall be prohibited for the entire duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

**Section 5. *Compliance Monitoring.*** The Philippine National Police - Tuguegarao City is hereby tasked to implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

**Section 6. *Repealing Clause.*** All prior issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly.

**Section 7. *Effectivity.*** This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until the Enhanced Community Quarantine is lifted.

DONE in Tuguegarao City, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

  
ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO  
City Mayor