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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>77</u> Series of 2020

"AN ORDER REGULATING SOCIAL GATHERINGS WHILE TUGUEGARAO CITY IS UNDER THE MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ)"

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991,* "states that the Local Government Units are authorized to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;"

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared Corona Virus Disease (COVID – 19) as a pandemic and in response thereto, President Rodrigo R. Duterte through Proclamation No. 922, declared the Philippines under State of Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City was placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) for ten (10) days starting 26 August 2020to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, the Cagayan Valley Inter-Agency Task Force (CVIATF) concurred to regulate all social gatherings in Tuguegarao City while it is under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ);

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. *REGULATED GATHERINGS.* The following gatherings/celebrations shall only be limited to household members only during the ten day MECQ in Tuguegarao City, to wit:

- a. Festivals or Fiestas;
- b. Weddings;
- c. Birthdays;
- d. Baptisms;
- e. Blowouts; and
- f. Other similar celebrations or gatherings.

Section 2. *RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS*. All religious gatherings shall only be limited to five (5) individuals.

Section 3. WAKES AND BURIAL. Wakes shall strictly be limited to seventy-two (72) hours and may only be attended by close family members. Public burial shall be limited only to close family members and minimum health standards must be observed.



Interment foot procession is strictly prohibited. Family members attending the funeral must be inside a vehicle while observing minimum health standards inside their respective vehicles.

Section 4. *ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.* The Philippine National Police - Tuguegarao City, Public Safety and Security Office, Punong Barangays and Barangay Tanods in their respective jurisdictions shall ensure the strict observance of these guidelines.

Section 5. *VIOLATIONS*. Any person violating any provisions of this Order shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent provisions of law.

Section 6. *REPEALING CLAUSE.* All orders and similar issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed and amended accordingly.

Section 7. *EFFECTIVITY.* This Executive Order shall take effect on August 26, 2020 (Wednesday) and shall be effective for ten (10) days or until the MECQ is lifted in Tuguegarao City.

DONE in Tuguegarao City, this 25th day of August in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

