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Municipality of Itogon
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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**Executive Order No. 03
Series of 2020**

SUSPENDING ALL MASS GATHERINGS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INCLUDING ATTENDANCE TO MEETINGS, SEMINARS, TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES BY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPALITY

Whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) already confirmed that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is pandemic;

Whereas the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued an Advisory dated March 10, 2020 concerning the postponement of activities relative to the threat of COVID-19 thereby directing all concerned offices and instrumentalities of the Department to postpone and reschedule all activities that will involve gathering people in a crowd regardless of size which shall include meetings, workshops, seminars, and other related events. And the postponement shall affect all activities scheduled beginning March 11, 2020 and shall continue to persist for at least two weeks or until March 25, 2020 subject to such extensions as the need arises;

Whereas on March 12, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte raised Code Red Sublevel 2 over COVID-19 in order to prevent further spread of the infection which has claimed the lives of five people (5) and afflicted forty-seven (47) others in the Philippines;

Whereas while there is no reported confirmed case of COVID within the municipality, it is but prudent for the local government to implement measures to support the national directive in order to save and protect human lives;

Whereas one of the identified factors that contribute to the threat of COVID-19 is the conduct of mass gatherings, whether planned or spontaneous, such as general assembly, public consultation, fiesta or foundation celebration, etc. Henceforth, its conduct should be prohibited at the time being;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me as the Local Chief Executive of Itogon Municipality, I, Atty. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, do hereby suspend all mass gatherings within the Municipality of Itogon and similar activities to be conducted by the municipal government, including attendance to meetings, seminars, trainings, workshops and other related activities by municipal officials and employees, outside the municipality up until further notice of its resumption.

All punong barangays, heads of offices, and other government offices within the municipality are hereby instructed to strictly comply with this Order and to observe all precautionary measures as promulgated by the Department of Health (DOH).

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

This March 13, 2020 at Itogon, Benguet.


Atty. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor