

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Benguet

## Municipality of Itogon OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: 16** 

Series 2021

## ORDERING THE CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON FROM OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 02, 2021

Whereas visiting the tombs of our oved ones every November 1st of every year has been a common tradition to most Filipinos as we remember our deceased loved ones. This has also become an occasion for families to gather together;

Whereas with the existing threat brought by this pandemic, the aforementioned tradition and other related activities are not permitted to be done on November 1st to prevent the possible spread of infection in crowds and possible surge of COVID-19 cases;

Whereas the health and lives of our people are our utmost concern especially at the time being, strict adherence to guidelines and health protocols laid down by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) and the National Government is but necessary;

Whereas to give ample time for our people to visit and clean the tombs of their loved ones before and after the closure of all public and private cemeteries in the municipality from October 29 to November 02, 2021, there is a need to issue a directive from the undersigned for the guidance of our constituents;

Now therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me as the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Itogon, in accordance with law, rules and regulations, I, VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, do hereby order the closure of all public and private cemeteries within the Municipality of Itogon from October 29 to November 02, 2021 and issue the following guidelines:

- **Section 1.** Visiting and cleaning of tombs in all public and private cemeteries shall only be allowed up to October 28, 2021 and after November 2, 2021.
- **Section 2.** Observance of thirty percent (30%) venue capacity shall be strictly implemented. Only three (3) persons per tomb at one time will be allowed.
- **Section 3.** Public and private cemeteries shall be open from 8:00 o'clock in the morning to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.
- Section 4. Bringing of deadly weapons and intoxicating beverages are prohibited.
- **Section 5**. Cooking and having picnic within the vicinity of the cemetery are not allowed.

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**Section 6.** Minimum health standards such as wearing of facemask and face shield and observance of physical distancing shall be strictly complied with when visiting public and private cemeteries.

**Section 7.** This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

Done this October 22, 2021 at Itogon, Benguet.

ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN

Municipal Mayor

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