

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Benguet Municipality of Itogon

## Office of the Municipal Mayor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20 Series of 2024

ORDERING THE SUSPENSION OF ALL TOURISM-RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AT THE DURATION OF THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON DUE TO TROPICAL STORM "ENTENG."

WHEREAS, the entire Municipality of Itogon is experiencing continuous heavy rainfall due to the Enhanced Southwest Monsoon caused by Tropical Storm Enteng, resulting in oversaturation of water within land masses, huge volumes of surface run-off and rise in water levels along our river systems;

**WHEREAS**, the occurrence of rain-induced hazards is very imminent in this mountainous region such as landslides, mudflow, flashfloods, collapse of tunnels or caveins, surface tension cracks and sink holes, all endangering people and/or communities in areas that are highly susceptible to hazards;

**WHEREAS**, public safety is among our primordial considerations hence, the need to implement preventive measures to ensure the safety of people by keeping them away from high hazard susceptible areas in this time of rainy season;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, **BERNARD S. WACLIN**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Municipal Mayor of Itogon, Benguet, hereby ORDER as follows:

Section 1. <u>Suspension of all Tourism-Related Activities.</u> All tourism-related activities within the municipality are hereby SUSPENDED while the locality is still experiencing heavy downpours, monsoon rains or continuous raining until the weather condition has stabilized and the situation warrants resumption of such activity.

**Section 2.** <u>Coverage.</u> This ORDER shall cover all tourism activities sponsored, organized or coordinated by either the government or by private organizations. Provided further, that all concerned Punong Barangays shall implement appropriate measures to ensure strict compliance with this Order by local and/or foreign tourists as well as activity organizers in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

**Section 3.** <u>Repealing Clause.</u> All Orders and other executive issuances inconsistent with this ORDER or parts hereof are deemed repealed accordingly.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2024 at Itogon, Benguet.

HON. BERNADOS WACLIN Municipal Ma<del>yor</del>