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Date: March 26, 2020 – 6:10 P.M.

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

HON. EDWARD MARK L. MACIAS
Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
Present

HON. JOHN T. RAYMOND, JR.	- Present	HON. JAIME L. REYES	- Present
HON. PETER PAUL F. RENACIA	- Present	HON. JOSE A. BALDADO	- Present
HON. ERWIN MICHAEL L. MACIAS	- Present	HON. ESTANISLAO V. ALVIOLA	- Present
HON. VALENTE D. YAP	- Present	HON. CHESTER V. LIM	- Present
HON. MA. ANTONIA E. VILLEGAS	- Present	HON. KIT MARC B. ADANZA	- Present
HON. ADEM B. MAXINO (SK)	- Present	HON. KURT MATTHEW T. TEVES (LNMB)	- Present
HON. MANUEL L. SAGARBARRIA (PCL)	- Present		

RESOLUTION NO. 298

“On motion of Honorable Member John T. Raymond, Jr., seconded by Honorable Member Chester V. Lim, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, resolves to enact the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 17
(Series of 2020)

AN ORDINANCE CLOSING THE BORDERS OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. **Scope.** This Ordinance shall cover all persons whether residents or non-residents within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Negros Oriental.

SECTION 2. **Guidelines.** The following guidelines shall be used in the implementation of this ordinance:

A. **Closure of Borders, Ports and Airports of Negros Oriental.** All borders, ports, and airports of Negros Oriental are now declared “Closed” effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect. Entry of persons shall be restricted except for the following: members of the PNP, PCG, BFP, all branches of the AFP, DOH and its allied agencies, the Philippine National Red Cross, and persons transporting essential goods, supplies and medicines;

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- B. Full Activation of the Inter Agency COVID-19 Border Monitoring and Regulations Taskforce.** The interagency COVID-19 Border Monitoring and Regulations Taskforce is hereby fully activated. It shall be composed of Officials of the Local Government Units and Barangays of Negros Oriental, Members of the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coast Guard and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines. The Taskforce is hereby ordered to defend the borders of Negros Oriental from COVID-19 and diligently perform their powers and functions; and
- C. Exercise of Powers.** The taskforce is hereby authorized to defend the borders of Negros Oriental by setting up checkpoints and prevent entry of persons not allowed under this Ordinance, specifically along the highways located in the borders of Mabinay-Kabankalan, Basay-Hinoba-an, San Carlos-Vallehermoso, La Castellana-Canlaon, and other roads that may be used as entry points.

In addition the interagency COVID-19 Border Monitoring and Regulation Taskforce shall be authorized to perform the following:

1. Deny entry of all persons to Negros Oriental with or without symptoms of COVID-19;
 2. Allow entry of members of the PNP, PCG, BFP, all branches of the AFP, DOH and its allied agencies, the Philippine National Red Cross, and persons transporting essential goods, supplies and medicines;
 3. Medical Practitioners and patients from the Province of Siquijor who need urgent medical treatment; and
 4. Drivers and helpers (“pahinante”) of cargo trucks and delivery trucks of essential goods, may be allowed entry into the Province during this time of General Community Quarantine, provided they undergo the necessary DOH protocol.
- D. Regulation of Air, Sea, and Land Transportation.** All air and sea travels are hereby banned during the effectivity of this Ordinance. The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines is hereby directed to ensure that the airport in Negros Oriental remains closed during the effectivity of this Ordinance. The Philippine Coastguard and the Philippine Ports Authority are also directed to ensure that all ports in Negros Oriental remain closed during the effectivity of this Ordinance. Given the necessity of travel for humanitarian reasons, only one boat for travel by sea shall be allowed from the port of Siquijor to the port of Dumaguete, twice a week, especially Saturdays and Sundays.
- Operators and dispatchers of bus or other public utility vehicles shall be required to refrain from crossing the borders of Negros Oriental.
- E. Supply of Rice and Basic Commodities.** The National Food Authority in the Province shall see to it that we will have a significant supply of

rice for the entire period of the general community quarantine. The Department of Trade shall protect consumers by stabilizing the prices of basic necessities and prime commodities by prescribing measures against undue price increases during this national health emergency.

SECTION 3. Enforcement. All City and Municipal Mayors, and Punong Barangays, PNPO, PCG, BFP, and AFP shall enforce this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Penalty. Any persons who resist the implementation of this ordinance shall be liable under the Revised Penal Code.

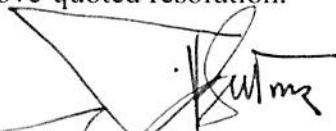
SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances, Executive Orders issued by Cities and Municipalities within the Province of Negros Oriental which are inconsistent with any provision/s of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

“Enacted, March 26, 2020.”


I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.


GEOFFREY P. VILLAHERMOSA
Provincial Secretary *pl*


EDWARD MARK L. MACIAS, M.D.
Vice Governor of Negros Oriental
Presiding Officer *EM*

ORIGINAL FOR GUBERNATORIAL APPROVAL:

ROEL R. DEGAMO
Governor of Negros Oriental


APPROVED pursuant to
Sec 54(b) of RA 7160
4/13/2020

Date: _____