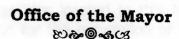
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"AN ORDER DIRECTING ALL PUNONG BARANGAY, DEPARTMENT HEADS, OTHER ATTACHED AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SUSPEND PUBLIC GATHERINGS, TO LIMIT TRAVEL ON MATTERS OF LESS IMPORTANCE, AND TO ADOPT MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION FROM CONTRACTING COVID-19"

WHEREAS, every local government unit is mandated to promote the health and safety of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, a clustering of pneumonia cases of unknown etiology was reported in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. It was later preliminary identified as a novel type of coronavirus.

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Health has confirmed the local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19) in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the President thru Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020 declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to Covid-19, enjoining all local government units to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the Covid-19 threat;

**WHEREAS**, with the declaration of the World Health Organization of a World Health Emergency classifying Covid-19 as pandemic, and in response to the growing concern over the outbreak of coronavirus, the Local Government Unit of Palo, Leyte aims to effectively take the necessary precautions, prevent and immediately take action in the event of entry of potential cases in its jurisdiction;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA, Municipal Mayor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:** 

Section 1. As far as practicable, all barangays, government agencies, and private sector and institutions, are encouraged to avoid attending, participating in and organizing events or any public gathering that tend to draw a huge number of crowd or attendees. Should one have been scheduled already, it is highly advised to cancel the activity and postpone the same to a later date.

Section 2. In case such public gathering is indispensable to public service and in view of its social, educational, economic and civic importance, the concerned agency, company or institution is highly advised to adopt measures for the prevention and spread of Covid-19 during said activity. Prior to said activity, the concerned agency or institution shall monitor and prevent the entry of participants manifesting symptoms associated with the disease, and shall refer the same to the concerned health agency for appropriate assessment and treatment. Further, it is likewise the duty of the concerned agency or institution to exact compliance from its attendees the observance ofprecautionary measures such as wearing of personal protective equipment (face mask), hand sanitation hygiene, proper cough and sneeze etiquette, and social distancing of at least one

(1)meter as advised by the Department of Health.

Section 3. The Philippine National Police, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and the Leyte Provincial Jail and other detention facilities located in this Municipality are likewise advised to adopt measures within their institution for the prevention of the disease with due regard to the well-being of inmates and their visitors frequenting the facility.

Section 4. All constituents of the Municipality are highly advised and encouraged to take all precautionary measures such as wearing of personal protective equipment (face mask), hand sanitation hygiene, proper cough and sneeze etiquette, and social distancing of at least one (1) meter as advised by the Department of Health. Finally, all constituents are advised to avoid meddling with large number of crowd and to avoid unnecessary travel on matters of less importance.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, this  $\underline{\mathbb{M}}^{h}$  day of  $\underline{\mathbb{M}}^{h}$  in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA Municipal Mayor