

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Palo -00o-

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

## **Executive Order No. 10**

## AN ORDER EXTENDING THE BAN ON THE SALE OF PORK PRODUCTS, SLAUGHTER AND TRANSPORTATION OF HOGS UNTIL FEBRUARY 17, 2021

WHEREAS, the African Swine Fever (ASF) is one of the highly contagious hemorrhagic viral diseasesaffecting domestic pig. Despite having no known effect to humans, it has a case fatality rate to pigs/swineapproaching 100% caused by a resistant virus with no develop vaccine until today.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2021, Executive Order No: 3 was issued prohibiting the sale of pork products, slaughter and transportation of hogs until February 10, 2021 as a precautionary measure due to the existence of a suspected case of ASF.

**WHEREAS,** on February 4, 2021, the Department of Agriculture had confirmed and announced the first positive case of ASF in the Municipality which occurred in Brgy. Baras, Palo, Leyte.

WHEREAS, under existing policies and guidelines of the Department of Agriculture, a pork holiday shall be declared upon a positive finding of ASF.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and in order to maintain the general welfare, health and safety of the people do hereby declare:

- **Section 1.** Temporary ban on the sale of pork and pork products in the entire Municipality is hereby extended until February 17, 2021, except processed pork products approved by the Food and Drugs Administration.
- **Section 2.** As a precautionary measure in order to minimize the risk of a possible outbreak of the disease, the temporary banning of transporting live swine to and from the Municipality is hereby extended for the same period of time.
- **Section 3.** The prohibition on the slaughter of swine inside and outside the slaughterhouse is hereby extended for the same period of time. However, the slaughter of large cattle such as cow and carabao shall be allowed.
- **Section 4.** Violation of any provisions of this Order shall result in the revocation of business permit and/or the immediate confiscation of the contraband, without prejudice to a criminal prosecution for violation of existing national law.

Section 5. The Philippine National Police, Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office, Municipal Agriculture Office, Market and Slaughterhouse Supervisor, Sanitation & Business Permit and Licensing Office are directed to strictly enforce the provisions of this Order.

Section 6. This Executive Order shall take effect on February 10, 2021 and shall remain in force and effect until February 17, 2021. Previous Executive Orders or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are deemed amended.

Done in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, Province of Leyte, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA Municipal Mayor