



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13
Series of 2021

"AN ORDER DIRECTING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GUINHANDAN HILL (HILL 522) FROM MARCH 22 TO APRIL 4, 2021 AND PRESCRIBING BASIC GUIDELINES TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE HOLY WEEK"

WHEREAS, every year during Holy Week, pilgrims visit the Guinhangdan Hill, also known as Hill 522, located in Purisima, Brgy. Guindapunan.

WHEREAS, church and religious activities are carried out in connection with the celebration of the holy week and large crowd and number of people usually gather to witness these events.

WHEREAS, there is still a high number of cases of covid-19 recorded each day as confirmed by the Department of Health not only in Palo, Leyte but also throughout the country.

WHEREAS, in order to prevent the transmission of the virus and to prevent large number of crowd from gathering, there is a necessity to prohibit people from visiting Guinhangdan Hill during the Holy Week and to prescribe guidelines in the observance of the activities in connection with the holy week.

NOW THEREFORE, I, FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA, Municipal Mayor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, in the interest of public health and safety, do hereby order:

Section 1: Temporary Closure of Hill 522- The temporary closure of the Guinhangdan Hill from March 22 to April 4, 2021 is hereby ordered. Hiking, peddling, camping or any form of activity shall be prohibited in Guinhangdan Hill in said period.

Section 2: Minimum Public Health Standards- In all church and religious activities, the organizers must ensure compliance by the attendees of all basic and minimum public health standards such as physical distancing of at least one (1) meter, wearing of face mask and faceshield, and provision of alcohol in the activity area by the organizers. In all activities, the organizers must limit the capacity of the audience, visitors and guests to only thirty (30) percent and shall ensure that physical distancing is strictly observed inside and outside the activity area.

Section 3: Implementation- The PATU and the guards on duty in Guinhangdan Hill shall be responsible for the implementation of the temporary closure of the Guinhangdan Hill. Meanwhile, the Philippine National Police and PATU shall monitor and ensure the compliance with the minimum public health standards by the attendees during the religious activities from Palm Sunday (March 28, 2021) until the Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021).

Section 4: Effectivity- This Executive Order shall be effective from March 22 to April 4, 2021.

DONE in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, this **18th day of March** in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.


FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA
Municipal Mayor