EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

Series of 2021

"AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 38, SERIES OF 2021 AND PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF WAKES AND FUNERAL SERVICES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO, GUIMARAS"

WHEREAS, on June 07, 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 38, Series of 2021 entitles "AN ORDER AMENDING SECTION 1c OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20, SERIES OF 2021 AND PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES IN ENFORCING THE PROHIBITION OF MASS GATHERING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO, GUIMARAS";

WHEREAS, despite being placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) by the IATF, the Department of Health has noted that the Province of Guimaras is classified as "high risk" with regards to COVID-19 transmission and "critical risk" in terms of hospital care utilization rate;

WHEREAS, as of September 15, 2021, the Province recorded a total of 415 active cases with 85 deaths. Of the total 415 active cases, 97 came from the Municipality of San Lorenzo;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures is vital to ensure the utmost protection of the health of every people in the Municipality of San Lorenzo;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NINFA G. GAJO, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of San Lorenzo, Guimaras, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, rules, regulations and decrees duly promulgated by competent authority, do hereby order the following measures:

SECTION 1. Section 1.c. of Executive Order No. 38, Series of 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

"SECTION 1. c. Wakes and funeral can be held for non-COVID 19 related deaths but holding of wakes shall not exceed **five (5) days** and shall be limited to immediate family only.

SECTION 2. SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES

- A. All forms of gambling and consumption of liquor drinks during wakes is strictly prohibited.
- B. To refrain the mourners from removing their face mask, serving of snacks / foods during wakes and before the funeral services is strictly prohibited. Also, snacks / foods shall only be served after the funeral services and shall be packed and distributed at the cemetery with proper observance of physical distancing.
- C. Children shall not be allowed in wakes and funeral services.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT. This Executive Order shall be enforced and monitored by the local barangay officials, in close coordination with the police officers, and any violations of this order shall be subject to proper proceedings and sanctions. Specifically, all barangays are directed to assign Barangay Tanods to the household in the duration of wake.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect beginning 12:01 AM lof September 21, 2021 until revoked or further amended.

Done this 20th day of September 2021 at San Lorenzo, Guimaras, Philippines.

Municipal Mayor