

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 012 - E

AN ORDER MANDATING THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, numerous directives have been issued by the various National Government Agencies in relation to the management of the COVID-19 disease;

WHEREAS, in response to the confirmed local transmission in the country, the President placed the whole Island of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) from March 16 – April 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Gubat issued Executive Orders for the implementation of precautionary and mitigating measures as well as additional guidelines for COVID-19 response in the municipality;

WHEREAS, per data reported by the Department of Health (DOH) on April 1, 2020, there are two thousand three hundred eleven individuals (2,311) infected by COVID-19 with fifty (50) recoveries and ninety-six (96) deaths;

WHEREAS, the Province of Sorsogon is adamant in keeping Sorsogon COVID Free until the end of this pandemic, an endeavor that the Municipality of Gubat highly supports as manifested by the continuous promotion of preventive measures such as policies on Social Distancing, Home Quarantine, and implementation of ECQ Pass;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, through Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei Nograles, declared that it is now mandatory to wear any type of mask when going out of the house for the duration of the ECQ;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO, Municipal Mayor of Gubat, Sorsogon by virtue of the power vested in my by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. General Provision. All individuals are mandated to wear masks as a protective gear against COVID-19 in all public places, guided by the following regulations, to wit:

1. All barangays shall inspect if individuals are wearing masks before giving them ECQ pass. No mask, no ECQ pass.

Any person who is NOT wearing a face mask, whether or not he has an ECQ Pass shall not be allowed in all public places. His attention shall be immediately called by the authorities in the area and shall be advised to go home.

3. The Gubat Municipal Police Station, Public Safety Officers, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, and checkpoint personnel are tasked to make sure that no person shall traverse the streets of the municipality without the mandatory face mask;

 For this purpose, the term "face mask" includes earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, or do-it-yourself mask, face shield or handkerchief as well as any other material that shall help prevent the spread of COVID-19. **Section 2. Incorporation Clause.** All laws, legal order, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines pertaining to public health and COVID-19 are hereby incorporated herein and made an integral part hereof.

Section 3. Effectivity. This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 2^{nd} day of April 2020, in the Municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon.

SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO

Municipal Mayor