

## Office of the Governor

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DECLARING ALL SCHOOLS AND CENTERS OF YOUTH ACTIVITY, PUBLIC PLACES AND CONVEYANCES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TERMINALS, MALLS, RESTAURANTS, OFFICES AND ENCLOSED SPACES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AS "NO SMOKING" AREAS, AND DIRECTING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENACT ORDINANCES AND CREATE ANTI-SMOKING TASK FORCES TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THIS ORDER

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State as embodied in the 1987 Constitution to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, in pursuit of the policy, Republic Act 8749 otherwise known as the "Phillipine Clean Air Act of 1999," prohibits smoking inside enclosed spaces, including public vehicles and other means of transport and other enclosed areas, and directs local government units to implement the prohibition;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9211 or the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 prohibits smoking in certain public places and prohibits the purchase and sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to and by minors and in certain places frequented by minors and provides penalties for any violation of the prohibitions;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 16 May 2017, issued Executive Order No. 26, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED PLACES;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 26 underscores the established scientific evidence that tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke can cause disease, disability, and death, and have devastating social, economic, and environmental consequences, as well as burden families and the national and local health systems;

WHEREAS, EO No. 26 declares public health as a priority over any commercial or business interest and provides for, among others, the minimization of access to tobacco products by minors and smokers wanting to quit so as to create a supportive environment for them;

WHEREAS, consistent with policy and to ensure the compliance of the provincial local government unit of Isabela with existing laws and Orders against smoking, there is a need to strengthen local policy implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law, do hereby declare all schools and centers of youth activity, public places and conveyances, including, but not limited to, terminals, malls, restaurants, offices, and enclosed spaces, in the province of isabela as "no smoking" areas





Further, all local chief executives are hereby directed to enact ordinances for the purpose and create Task Forces to implement this Order.

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly,

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Let all heads of government and private offices in the province of Isabela be furnished copies of this Executive Order.

Done in the City of Ilagan, Isabela, <u>25th day of July</u>, 2019.

RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor