

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40 -2019

ENCOURAGING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT USAGE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA OF CONCERN

WHEREAS, the constitution of the Republic of the Philippines mandates the State to protect and promote the right of the people to balanced ecology and sustainable economy in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

Whereas, the ban on the use of plastic is mandated by the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000;

Whereas, plastic carry out bags and all plastic products are non-biodegradable, as a single use plastic bags are typically used for a short period but take centuries to break down in a landfill;

Whereas, plastic bags poses serious danger to the environment that seriously affect biodiversity, becomes an unsightly component of litter and are known pollutants of soil and water;

Whereas, to strengthen the provincial government's advocacy in the use of environment- friendly containers, packaging and carry-ons, we must impose measures to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic bags and encourage the use of reusable bags or paper bags;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby encourage all local government units in the Province of Isabela to enact an ordinance to prohibit usage of single use plastic bag in their respective area of concern.

All orders, issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and let copies of this Order be provided to all concerned for their information, reference and guidance.

Issued this 20th day of September in City of Ilagan, Isabela.

RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

Governor

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