REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

GU-ORMOC CITY

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

ON JUNE 30, 2020

PRESENT:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr. Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Roiland H. Villasencio, Nolito M. Quilang, Jasper M. Lucero, Peter M. Rodriguez, Vincent L. Rama, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Lalaine A. Marcos, Esteban V. Laurente,

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer SP Member, Majority Floor Leader SP Member, 1st Asst. Majority Floor Leader SP Member, 2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader SP Member

SP Member SP Member SP Member SP Member

DATER

Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon, Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

ON LEAVE:

Tomas R. Serafica, Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore" SP Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-194

- A RESOLUTION MOST RESPECTFULLY AND URGENTLY CALLING FOR TIMELY AND PROPER COORDINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), THE OVERSEAS WORKERS ADMINISTRATION (OWWA), WELFARE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ALL OFFICES THERETO, AND ALL CONCERNED ATTACHED WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF AGENCIES, DRMOC RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL AUTHORITIES TO LOCALLY STRANDED INDIVIDUALS (LSIs), RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROFs), OTHER RETURNING RESIDENTS, AND AUTHORIZED RESIDENCE (APOR) OUTSIDE **PERSONS** REQUIRE QUARANTINE/ISOLATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL HEALTH PROTOCOLS, DURING THIS TIME OF **EMERGENCY** DUE TO **PUBLIC** HEALTH CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19), TO THE END THAT:
 - 1) ISSUANCE BY TRAVEL AUTHORITY IS MADE ONLY WHEN CONFIRMED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (LGU-ORMOC) ORMOC OF PASSENGER'S LGU OF FINAL DESTINATION (TO ARE AVAILABLE THERE THAT QUARANTINE FACILITIES FOR THE INCOMING RESIDENT);

- 2) THE TRAVEL DATE INDICATED IN THE TRAVEL AUTHORITY BE NOT EARLIER THAN THREE (3) DAYS FROM CONFIRMATION DATE BY THE LGU OF DESTINATION AND PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF OPEN DATED TRAVEL AUTHORITY;
- 3) LIMITING THE ENTRY OF LSIS, ROFS, OTHER RETURNING RESIDENTS AND APOR TO SUCH NUMBER THAT IS WITHIN THE QUARANTINE/ISOLATION FACILITY CAPACITY OF THE LGU OF DESTINATION BEGINNING ON THE RESUMPTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF LOCALLY STRANDED INDIVIDUALS ON JULY 9 OR ON SUCH DATE AS MAY BE DEFINITIVELY DECIDED BY THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodriguez Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 and declared a state of Public Health Emergency following confirmation from the Secretary of Health of cases of local transmission of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19) in the country:

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 114 entitled Institutionalizing the Balik Probinsya, Bagong Paga as a Program as a Pillar of Balanced Regional Development, Creating a Council Therefor, and for other purposes was issued on May 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, the Local Government Unit of Ormoc (LGU-Ormoc) issued Executive Order No. 54 providing for the mechanism by which all Ormocanons temporarily living outside Ormoc because of study, work or for any reason, and are stranded because of strict border control, would be allowed entry to Ormoc;

WHEREAS, the NTF AGAINST COVID-19 ORDER No. 2020- 02 was issued by the National Task Force against COVID-19 on May 13, 2020 and mandated the LGU of origin of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) to coordinate with the LGU of destination AT LEAST THREE (3) days prior to departure;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-087 dated May 21, 2020 providing for the management by local government officials, DILG Regional Directors and Field Offices, the Philippine National Police and others concerned on the management of Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), which mandates among others, for the Receiving Regional Task Force to coordinate with the Local Chief Executive to ensure readiness of health protocols;

WHEREAS, the National Police Commission issued the Guidelines on the Movement of People under GCQ and MGCQ dated June 1, 2020 setting forth the rules on the issuance of Travel Authorities (TAs) by their different command levels;

WHEREAS, the issuance mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph was followed by a Detailed Procedure for the Management of LSIs, which provides for proper coordination with the receiving LGU;

WHEREAS, the arrival of the first batch of Ormoc inbound residents began on May 22, 2020, since then and until June 22, 2020, a total of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN (587) have been admitted to Ormoc in implementation of the mentioned national and local programs;

WHEREAS, of these 587 individuals, the specifics figures are as follows:

ROFs (all coordinated) - 93 persons of which 7 tested positive for COVID-19 LSIs (coordinated) - 223 persons of which 28 tested positive for COVID-19 LSIs (uncoordinated, with TAs) - 196 persons of which 3 tested positive for COVID-19

LSIs (uncoordinated, without TAs) - 75 persons of which 13 tested positive for COVID-19

WHEREAS, some of these incoming residents had coordinated with the city government but arrived on dates later such that facilities previously identified for them had been given out to those who were already within the territorial jurisdiction of Ormoc;

WHEREAS, in repeated instances, incoming residents were holding TAs that were open dated;

WHEREAS, to date, Ormoc has fifty seven (57) COVID positive cases of which all but three (3) are ROFs and LSIs, the remaining 3 being health care workers stationed at the city's quarantine facilities;

WHEREAS, With all the foregoing conditions, LGU Ormoc strictly imposes health protocols, including quarantine in an LGU accredited facility upon arrival for not less than fourteen (14) days. At the moment, home quarantine is not a viable option for purposes of containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus in this city;

WHEREAS, to effectively carry out its policy of strict quarantine, there is a need for prior coordination by all offices implementing the Balik Probinsya Program, the Hatid Probinsya Program and all programs similar thereto, with the Ormoc city government prior to issuance of the TAs for the purpose of (a) validation by the local government as to the residency of the incoming resident in Ormoc; (b) confirmation of available quarantine/isolation facility; and (c) evaluation of compliance with national and/ or local requirements;

WHEREAS, in a Joint RTF-RIATF Advisory dated June 26, 2020, a moratorium was imposed on the acceptance of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) from June 28 to July 9, 2020;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Laws & Ordinances, severally seconded by SP Members Nolito M. Quilang, Gregorio G. Yrastorza III, Lalaine A. Marcos, Joan Marbie C. Simbajon, Peter M. Rodriguez, Esteban V. Laurente and Vincent L. Rama; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass A RESOLUTION MOST RESPECTFULLY AND URGENTLY CALLING FOR TIMELY AND PROPER COORDINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ALL OFFICES ATTACHED THERETO, AND ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES, WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF ORMOC RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF TRAVEL AUTHORITIES TO LOCALLY STRANDED INDIVIDUALS (LSIs), RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROFs), OTHER RETURNING RESIDENTS, AND PERSONS OUTSIDE RESIDENCE (APOR) THAT QUARANTINE/ISOLATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL HEALTH PROTOCOLS, DURING THIS TIME OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19), TO THE END THAT:

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ADOPTED, June 30, 2020.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution each to the City Mayor of Ormoc Richard I. Gornez, the City Administrator, Mr. Vincent L. Emnas; the City Legal Officer, Atty. Josephine M. Romero, the City Health Department; DILG; OWWA; PNP; the Chairman, Ormoc-Residents' Recovery Team; CDRRMO; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; and other concerned offices for their information and guidance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above resolution.

MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT Secretary to the

Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR. City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer