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**CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AGAINST THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) AND IMPLEMENTING MEASURES FOR THE
PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND CONTAINMENT OF THE DISEASE**

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution, and Section 16, the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code, local government units are charged with the promotion of the health and safety of the people within their jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, there is a need to properly address the issue on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) by intensifying the information education against the virus, and to initiate programs, projects and services that will promote the health and well-being of the people.

I. Creation of the Task Force against the Novel Coronavirus. - WHEREFORE, BY virtue of the powers vested in me by law as mayor of this city, and in response to the growing concern over the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), I hereby order the creation of an Inter-Agency Task Force against the Novel Coronavirus (Task Force Coronavirus), the composition of which is as follows:

Chairman	:	Hon. Jose Carlos L. Cari	-	City Mayor
Vice-Chairmen	:	Hon. Ernesto M. Butawan	-	City Vice-Mayor
		Dr. Norberto P. Oja	-	City Health Officer
Members	:	Mr. Deogracias E. Pernitez	-	City Administrator
		Hon. Ike Fulton Arradaza	-	SP Committee on Health
		Hon. Philip L. Siu	-	Liga ng Barangay President
		Ms. Estela I. Creer	-	Department of Interior & Local Government
		PLTCOL Rudy Conejo Jr.	-	Philippine National Police
		Dr. Raul D. Agban	-	Department of Education
		Ms. Marissa M. Florendo	-	Philippine Ports Authority
		Mr. Nestor Sy Jr.	-	Baybay City Chamber of Commerce and Industry
		Engr. Patrick Postrero	-	City Planning and Development Office
		Engr. Jose Pepito Fernandez	-	General Services Office
		Mr. Jerson Colocar	-	Bus Terminal & Traffic Management Office
		Engr. Maria Victoria F. Jabines	-	CENRO – Baybay City
		Ms. Marissa M. Cano	-	City Information Office
		Mr. Rhyse M. Austero	-	City Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Office
		Dr. Corazon Grace M. Fernandez	-	Chief of Hospital, Western Leyte Prov. Hospital

II. Duties and Functions. - Task Force Coronavirus shall take charge in promoting the health and safety of the people, as well as spearheading the prevention and control of the virus in the city level by focusing on the following major tasks:

1. Information Dissemination

- i. Consult Local Health Offices on the guidelines and protocol relative to the safety measures, prevention and control of the Coronavirus in their respective localities;
- ii. Disseminate information materials i.e., flyers, brochures, posters, billboards against Coronavirus;
- iii. Tap the local media in communication what Coronavirus is, what Coronavirus is not, and the measures to prevent Coronavirus;
- iv. Conduct public dialogues with health authorities, police authorities, business community, civil society, and the general public on Coronavirus prevention and control; and
- v. Dispel rumors and calm down the people when hysteria and panic grip the community because of false and misleading information about Coronavirus.

2. Crisis Management

- i. Organize Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) to help manage coronavirus suspects and their contacts;
- ii. Provide, when necessary, protective gadgets such as masks, goggles, gowns, gloves, etc., to each member of the BHERT and other local health personnel;
- iii. In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the referral and transport of a Coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus-referral center or hospital;
- iv. In coordination with health and police, cause the establishments of check points, as need arises;
- v. In coordination with health and police, see the protection from unnecessary harm of a coronavirus suspect, the next of kin and contact(s); and
- vi. As Head of the Local Price Coordinating Council, monitor prices of medicines and preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

3. Environmental Health Management

- i. Ensure that garbage is properly disposed;
- ii. Ensure that public places and areas such as offices, malls, theaters, enclosed recreational areas, restaurants, public markets, schools, churches, public toilets, etc., are disinfected and maintained of their cleanliness;
- iii. Esteros and canals are cleaned regularly; and
- iv. An ordinance on health, sanitations and cleanliness is enacted and/or enforced.

4. Containment and Control

- i. Receive copy of record directly from the concerned agencies and other sources on persons arriving in the city from a coronavirus-affected country and send it immediately to the Punong Barangay for monitoring and surveillance. In the absence of such records, generate information on arrivals from a coronavirus-affected country through the Punong Barangays, City or Barangay Health Workers or through other sources, e.g., Barangay Intelligence Network;
- ii. Monitor the measures and actions taken by the Punong Barangays and the BHERTs in the prevention, containment and control of coronavirus;
- iii. Provide logistical assistance to the BHERTs in carrying out their tasks;
- iv. Direct the City Health Office to supervise the BHERTs and submit report(s) to the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit on the outcome of home confinement;
- v. Refer, and transport, a coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus referral center or hospital;
- vi. Order the Philippine National Police or the Punong Barangay to effect the compulsory home confinement of persons arriving from a coronavirus-affected country who violate home confinement to complete the 14-day prescribed period, in case the Punong Barangay or the BHERT fails to impose the 14-day home confinement; and
- vii. Extend appropriate assistance and support to those in home confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs.

5. Prevention

- i. In coordination with DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, train City Health Workers especially hospital or rural health personnel in handling and managing coronavirus suspect;
- ii. In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to the local health workers, members of the BHERTs and barangay tanods on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;
- iii. In coordination with the DOH, DILG-PNP and/or Provincial Health Office, as the cause maybe, provide training to local health workers, members of BHERTs and barangay tanods in enforcing the 14-day home confinement procedures for persons arriving from coronavirus-affected country;
- iv. Conduct a city-wide information campaign on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;
- v. Coordinate with Punong Barangays in the conduct of a city-wide clean-up campaign; and
- vi. Monitor prices of medicines and coronavirus-preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

III. Meetings. – the Task Force Coronavirus shall conduct meetings as it may deem necessary to conduct updates, discuss, assess, review, and evaluate matters relative to the duties above-mentioned.

IV. Repealing Clause. – All executive orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby modified, superseded, repealed or amended accordingly.

V. Effectivity. – This Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 5th day of February 2020 in Baybay City, Leyte.

JOSE CARLOS L. CARI
City Mayor