

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE HONORABLE 9TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, THIS PROVINCE HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, 2ND FLOOR, GTIC BUILDING ON MARCH 20, 2020.

PRESENT:

Atty. John Edward G. Gando	-	Vice Governor and Presiding Officer
Hon. Cyril C. Beltran	-	SP Member and Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Aurelio G. Tionado	-	SP Member
Hon. David G. Gano	-	SP Member and Deputy Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Luben G. Vilches	-	SP Member
Hon. Diosdado G. Gonzaga	-	SP Member
Hon. Josefina G. de la Cruz	-	SP Member
Hon. Rex G. Fernandez	-	SP Member
Hon. Raymond H. Gavileño	-	SP Member
Hon. Karren Kaye A. Gadnanan	-	Ex-Officio SP Member (SK Federation President)
Hon. Marilou S. Delumpa	-	Ex-Officio SP Member (LNB Federation President)
Hon. Glicerio G. Edang	-	Ex-Officio SP Member (PCL Federation President)

RESOLUTION NO. 81

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR SAMUEL T. GUMARIN, MD, MPH, TO SIGN FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH CONGRESSWOMAN MA. LUCILLE L. NAVA, MD, REPRESENTATIVE, LONE DISTRICT OF GUIMARAS AND THE FIVE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE

WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor in his letter dated March 19, 2020 is requesting for an authority to sign for and in behalf of the provincial government the Memorandum of Agreement with Congresswoman Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD, Representative, Lone District of Guimaras and the five municipalities of the province as represented by its Municipal Mayors in so far as their tasks, responsibilities and obligations in relation to COVID-19 health crisis;

WHEREAS, finding the request to be in order and necessary so as to efficiently combat and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the locality, this Honorable Body interposes no objection to the request, on the terms, conditions and specifications set forth in the draft memorandum of agreement presented before it;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Cyril C. Beltran and duly seconded by all members;

THE 9TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED:

RESOLVED, to authorize Governor Samuel T. Gumarin, MD, MPH to sign for and in behalf of the provincial government, the following:

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum Agreement is made and entered into by and among the following parties:

The Office of the Representative, Lone District of Guimaras, represented by Honorable Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD, Representative, Lone District of Guimaras, and hereafter referred to as the "Congressional Office";

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-and-

The Provincial Government of Guimaras with seat at San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras herein represented by its Governor, Honorable Samuel T. Gumarin, MD, MPH, and hereafter referred to as the "Provincial Government";

-and-

The Municipal Governments of:

Jordan, Guimaras with seat at Jordan, Guimaras represented by its Mayor, Honorable Ruben B. Corpuz;

Buenavista, Guimaras with seat at Buenavista, Guimaras represented by its Mayor, Honorable Eugenio G. Reyes;

Nueva Valencia, Guimaras with seat at Nueva Valencia, Guimaras represented by its Mayor, Honorable Emmanuel C. Galila;

Sibunag, Guimaras with seat at Sibunag, Guimaras represented by its Mayor, Honorable Annabelle V. Samaniego;

San Lorenzo, Guimaras with seat at San Lorenzo, Guimaras represented by its Mayor, Honorable Ninfa G. Gajo;

The foregoing municipal governments shall be herein referred to as "Municipal Government";

WITNESSETH

Whereas, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines on March 8, 2020 after the country recorded a local transmission of COVID-19;

Whereas, Section 2 of the said proclamation enjoins all government agencies and LGUs to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

Whereas, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary was issued directing local government units for the Stringent Social Distancing Measures and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has considered and declared COVID-19 / 2019 NCOV ARD as a pandemic;

Whereas, on 12 March 2020, the Philippine government upgraded the COVID-19/2019 NCOV ARD alert level from Code Red Sublevel 1 to Code Red Sublevel 2;

Whereas, Metro Manila has now been placed under enhanced quarantine thereby regulating and restricting the ingress and egress of persons in specified areas;

Whereas, as of 5 pm of 18 March 2020, there have been two hundred two (202) confirmed cases of COVID-19 / 2019 NCOV ARD in the Philippines and with eleven (11) fatalities. The surge in the increase of cases has become alarming which must be addressed with dispatch;

Whereas, just recently, President Rodrigo Duterte has placed the entire country under the state of calamity by reason of COVID-19;

Whereas, there is a need for the local government units in the Province to put their acts together by defining its respective roles in order to efficiently combat and prevent the COVID-19 in the locality;

Whereas, in the absence or unavailability of the testing kits, the parties hereby adopt, by way of a strategy to push for the identification of persons in the community who may have been infected by COVID-19 through the manifestation of fever and dry cough;

Whereas, all the parties herein, by their manifest cooperation and utmost commitment, do undertake to perform and carry out the following responsibilities:

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE:

1. To collaborate with the Provincial and the Municipal Governments;
2. To provide policy directives on the collaboration of parties;
3. To make representation with national agencies concerned on matters concerning logistics, resources, among others;

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT:

1. To provide an advanced quarantine facility for patients with severe symptoms and comorbidities;
2. To facilitate the transfer of severe cases that require intensive care to DOH-identified COVID referral centers;
3. To provide personnel in all identified quarantine facilities;
4. To provide medicines and supplements to patients while in the quarantine facility. It shall also provide PPEs such as disposable surgical gowns, N95 and surgical masks, goggles, face gears, gloves and the like;
5. To set up screening team that will conduct screening procedures in City Mall, Parola wharf Iloilo City; Ortiz wharf, Iloilo City; Iloilo Port (PPA), Iloilo City; RORO port, La Paz, Iloilo City; and RORO port, Jordan wharf, Jordan, Guimaras;
6. To engage additional personnel if necessary;
7. To serve as lead party for border control;
8. To utilize logistics and resources to carry out their responsibilities;
9. To cooperate with the Congressional Office in making representation with national agencies concerned on matters concerning logistics, resources, among others;
10. To perform such other contingent measures as may hereafter be agreed by parties;

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT:

1. To be the primary party responsible for COVID-19 educational campaign through appropriate information dissemination policies;
2. To serve as the primary party to facilitate early detection of COVID-19 cases in the barangays;
3. To identify and maintain primary quarantine facility in their respective territorial jurisdictions;
4. To facilitate diagnostic testing (whenever available) and isolation to designated primary quarantine facility of identified COVID-19 cases;
5. To provide food and necessities in the quarantine facility;
6. To transport patients to and from the quarantine facility;
7. To dedicate an ambulance/vehicles exclusively for the transport of patients;
8. To set up screening team that will conduct screening procedures in their respective territorial jurisdictions, except in the RORO port, Jordan, Guimaras;
9. To utilize logistics and resources to carry out their responsibilities;
10. To perform such other contingent measures as may hereafter be agreed by parties;

EFFECTIVITY AND TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement takes effect upon the signing of all the parties hereof and will continue to be in full force and effect by mutual consent of the parties.

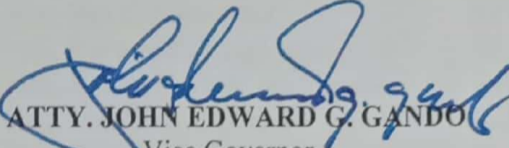
RESOLVED FURTHER, to send a copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD, five Municipal Mayors of the Province of Guimaras and all other concerned offices for information.

APPROVED: March 20, 2020.

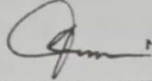
I hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution which was duly adopted by the 9th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Guimaras during its special session held on March 20, 2020.


LORENA MINIERVA-ITUCAS
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

Certified Correct:


ATTY. JOHN EDWARD G. GANDO
Vice Governor
Presiding Officer

Approved:


SAMUEL T. GUMARIN, MD, MPH
Governor