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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44 Series of 2021

"AN ORDER SUPPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42 REIMPLEMENTING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT"

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2021, Executive Order No. 42 was issued reimplementing the Modified General Community Quarantine in the entire Province of Sultan Kudarat effective Nov. 1-31, 2021;

WHEREAS, as a result of continuous decline in COVID-19 infections and the government's aggressive COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, the Land Transportation Franchising & Regulatory Board (LTFRB) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2021-064 increasing passenger capacity in Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) effective November 4, 2021 from the current 50% to 70%;

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has approved the recommendation of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the LTFRB to implement the gradual increase in passenger capacity in public transportation, including road and railway systems for one month until they reach full capacity;

WHEREAS, with the growing demand for public transportation, there is a need to increase passenger capacity in PUVs as quarantine restrictions are beginning to ease, and more businesses are reopening;

WHEREAS, the increase in passenger capacity will help cushion the impact of the pandemic and the recent hike in fuel prices on the livelihood of PUV drivers and operators;

WHEREAS, the Province of Sultan Kudarat has been placed under Alert Level 2 effective immediately until November 30, 2021, wherein several guidelines were to be imposed;

WHEREAS, there is a need to supplement Executive Order No. 42 to incorporate the needed guidelines for imposition in the Province of Sultan Kudarat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU, Ph.D., Provincial Governor of Sultan Kudarat, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby **ORDER** the following:

SECTION 1. INCREASED PASSENGER CAPACITY IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES. The passengers for Public Utility Buses (PUBs), Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs), UV Express (UVE), and other land-based public transportation services operating in the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall be increased to **SEVENTY PERCENT 70%**.

However, strict observance of minimum health protocols shall be continuously enforced, such as but not limited to the following:

- (1) Wearing of face masks;
- (2) Keeping public transport well-ventilated;
- (3) Conducting frequent disinfection;
- (4) No passengers with COVID-19 symptoms are to be allowed inside public transportation; and
- (5) Observing appropriate physical distancing rule.

Moreover, those passengers with no Vaccination Card shall not be allowed to ride in the aforementioned public transport vehicle.

Plastic barriers inside public transport are no longer required in the Province of Sultan Kudarat.

SECTION 2. USE OF FACE SHIELD NO LONGER MANDATORY. The use of a face shield is no longer mandatory in the Province of Sultan Kudarat. It will only be required in hospital settings, medical clinics, and other medical facilities.

SECTION 3. RT-PCR TEST RESULTS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR TRAVELLERS ENTERING IN SK. All travelers entering the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall no longer be required to present their 24-72 hours negative RT-PCR test results.

No document shall be required for their entry into the province, except for security checks that the AFP and PNP personnel may require for purposes of anti-crime, anti-illegal drugs, and anti-terrorism operations.

Ancillary to this, the Provincial Government will cease fetching LSIs and ROFs at the airports of Cotabato City and Gen. Santos City.

SECTION 4. VACCINATION CARD REQUIRED IN ENTERING AIR-CONDITIONED ESTABLISHMENTS/OFFICES/GOVERNMENT FACILITIES. All individuals entering air-conditioned shopping malls, establishments, government, and non-government offices/facilities shall be required to present their vaccination cards. It shall incorporate therein the guiding principle of "*No Vaccination Card, No Entry.*"

SECTION 5. LCEs ENJOINED TO ENCOURAGE CONSTITUENTS FOR VACCINATION. All Local Chief Executives (LCEs) in the Province of Sultan Kudarat is enjoined to double their effort in encouraging their constituents to undergo vaccination. They shall provide an incentive scheme for their constituents to be motivated to have an anti-COVID-19 shot.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this Order is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, in whole or in part, such provision shall be deemed deleted from this Order, but the remaining provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed, revised, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and remain effective until midnight of November 31, 2021, unless sooner revoked, modified, or repealed accordingly.

Done on the 17th day of November 2021 at Provincial Governor's Office, Kalawag II, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name.

SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU, Ph.D.
Provincial Governor