



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF SOLSONA
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17
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AN ORDER PROHIBITING ANY FORM OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEDICAL AND NON- MEDICAL FRONTLINERS AND PERSON INFECTED, UNDER MONITORING OR INVESTIGATION DUE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION

WHEREAS, the world health organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019(COVID-19) as a pandemic due to the rapid increase of cases of infection throughout the entire world;

WHEREAS, a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines was declared pursuant to Presidential Proclamation NO.992 due to the increasing number of confirm cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, a State of Calamity was declared throughout the Philippines on 16 March 2020 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation NO.929 due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in the midst of the recent public health crisis brought about by the threat of COVID-19, instances of discrimination were reported targeting persons who have contracted the disease, including Person Under Investigation PUI and Person Under Monitoring(PUM), and "frontliners" or the people who are in the frontliners in the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including health professionals and other medical staff personnel, as well as non-medical frontliners like law enforcement officers and government officials, and even employees of establishment providing basic services in this health crisis;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has recieved various reports regarding discrimination against th frontliners such as being refused basic services like public transport and laundry service, refused entry to supermarket or grocery stores, or being evicted from their lodging houses and apartment due to the fear of contamination;

WHEREAS, the Inter- Agency Task Force for the management of Emerging Infections Diseases(IATF-EID) urged local government units to pass a measure that would address discrimination against frontliners, migrant workers and confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the " State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights"

NOW, THEREFORE, I JOSEPH E. DE LARA, Mayor of Municipality of Solsona, Ilocos Norte by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Order shall be known and cited as " Anti- COVID-19 Discrimination Order Municipality of Solsona"

SECTION 2. DEFINATION OF TERMS. – As used in this Order:

1. Frontliners – refer to medical and non- medical personnel, whether from the private or public sector, who are on the frontlines in prvision of essential servic es in the face COVID-19 pandemic, such as:
 - a. Private and government doctors, nurses and other medical personnel and health volunteers;
 - b. Hospital workers, administrative staff, janitors and security personnel;
 - c. National and local government officials and employees in the exercise of frontline functions;
 - d. Members of the philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines and other law enforcement personnel;

- e. Emergency responders like members of the Philippine Red Cross, Bureau of Fire Protection, Disaster risk Reduction Management Office, and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team;
 - f. Employees and personnel of establishments providing needed services like funeral parlors, manufacturers of medical supplies and those providing basic services.
2. Persons infected, Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) and Person Under Monitoring (PUMs) are those defined by the protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health.
 3. Discrimination – refers to any act or action committed to manifest prejudice, bigotry, unequal treatment, exclusion, restriction, humiliation and vilification towards persons infected, PUIs, PUMs, and any frontliner by reason of his or her work during the COVID-19 situation which has an effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the enjoyment or exercise of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

SECTION 3. UNLAWFUL ACTS. – It shall be unlawful for any person whether natural or judicial, to commit any of the following acts against a person infected, under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19, or frontliner:

1. Deny access to public programs and services otherwise available to the public;
2. Refuse admission or expel from public markets, supermarkets, groceries, bakeshops and convenience stores by reason of his/her work as frontliner;
3. Refuse entry or reject from usual accommodation in any lodging house, apartment, motel, hotel, inn, dormitory, and any places of dwelling being rented out or offered to the public or for a free or give inferior accommodation or services by reason of his/her being a person infected, under investigation or monitoring, or work as frontliner;
4. Deny access or admission to medical and other health services, health insurance, or give inferior accommodation or services by reason of his/her being a person infected, under investigation or monitoring, or work as a frontliner;
5. Deny access to and/or use private and public establishment, facilities, utilities, transportation services that are open to the general public by reason of his/her work as a frontliner;
6. Utter or post online slanderous or abusive statements which incites discrimination against a person infected, under investigation or monitoring, or frontliner; subject said person to any harassment or any threat of physical, mental and verbal violence, intimidation or other threatening disruptive behavior;
7. Any other act of discrimination which demeans, impairs, mars, reduces or nullifies the enjoyment or exercise of a person infected, under investigation or monitoring, or frontliner's human and legal rights;

SECTION 4. VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER-

Violations of herein provision shall warrant the imposition of criminal and administrative sanctions as may be found in pertinent laws, ordinance and rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. – This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 6th day April 2020 in the Municipality of Solsona



JOSEPH E. DE LARA
Municipal Mayor