## Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Palo



## Office of the Mayor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. <u>17</u> Series of 2021

## AN ORDER REGULATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE FIESTA IN LOLITA HOMES SUBDIVISION, BRGY. GUINDAPUNAN, PALO, LYETE

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration of fiesta in Lolita Homes Subdivision, Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte will be celebrated on April 17, 2021.

**WHEREAS,** there is still a rising number of covid-19 cases in the Municipality and in the neighboring city and towns.

**WHEREAS,** based on statistics and data of the Municipal Health Office, transmission of covid-19 cases oftentimes occur during gatherings of persons, assembly and parties.

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to regulate the celebration of the said fiesta in order to avoid and minimize the risk of transmission of covid-19 cases.

Now therefore, I, **FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA**, Municipal Mayor of Palo, Leyte, by virtue of the power vested in me by existing laws and in the interest of public health and safety, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Regulated Celebration of Lolita Homes Subdivision Fiesta-** In order to effectively prevent large number of people from gathering and to effectively implement social distancing, the conduct of socio-civic activities in relation to Lolita Homes Subdivision celebration shall be prohibited, such as but not limited to disco, pageant, sports competition, or any form of public assembly.

It shall likewise be prohibited for non-residents of Lolita Homes Subdivision from attending, celebrating and partying with residents of said village/ subdivision celebrating the vesperas (day before the fiesta), fiesta and *liwas* (day after the fiesta) from **April 16-18, 2021**. For this purpose, entries and exits of the village/ subdivision shall be manned by the PNP, PATO and personnel from the barangay, and shall bar entry of any non-residents during said three-day period.

However, nothing in this Order shall be interpreted to prohibit families and residents of the village/ subdivision from privately celebrating the barangay fiesta in their respective residence.

Likewise, the celebration of the holy mass during said period shall be limited to residents of St. Scholastica village/ subdivision.

**Section 2. Implementation-** The Philippine National Police, Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office, and the concerned barangay officers are directed to strictly enforce the provisions of this Order.

**Section 3. Penalties-** Persons in violation of this Order shall be apprehended and imposed the fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred (P2,500) in accordance with existing Municipal Ordinance.

Section 4. Effectivity- This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

Done in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, Province of Leyte, this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA Murlicipal Mayor