## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11 Series of 2024

EXECUTIVE ORDER SUSPENDING FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES IN PRE-SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL, AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ORIENTAL MINDORO ON 24 APRIL 2024 (WEDNESDAY) DUE TO THE HEAT INDEX FORECASTED IN THE PROVINCE

**WHEREAS,** Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) El Niño-Southern Oscillation (hereinafter, "ENSO" or "El Niño") Advisory No. 10 reveals way below normal rainfall condition in Oriental Mindoro.

**WHEREAS**, on 22 April 2024, the Heat Index Monitoring and Forecast Information released by the DOST-PAGASA reported that Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro will experience a heat index of forty-two (42) degrees Celsius on 24 April 2024.

**WHEREAS,** forty-two (42) degrees Celsius falls under the danger category of the DOST-PAGASA's Heat Index Chart. Prolonged exposure to dangerously high temperatures may cause heat-related illnesses, such as heat cramps, exhaustion, and heat stroke.

**WHEREAS**, to protect children and the youth from heat-related illnesses and adverse-effects of the dangerous heat index forecasted on 24 April 2024, there is a need to suspend face-to-face classes in pre-school, elementary, high school, and senior high school levels on the said date.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D.**, by virtue of the powers vested in me as the Provincial Governor of Oriental Mindoro, hereby suspends face-to-face classes in pre-school, elementary, high school, and senior high school levels in Oriental Mindoro on 24 April 2024 (Wednesday) due to the dangerous heat index forecasted in the province on the said date.

The public is hereby reminded to take diligent precautions towards the effects of searing weather. The DOST-PAGASA recommends to:

- a. limit time spent outdoors;
- b. drink plenty of water;
- c. avoid tea, coffee, soda, and liquor;
- d. use umbrellas, wear hats, and wear sleeved clothing outdoors; and
- e. schedule heavy-duty activities on the cooler periods of the day.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall be furnished to other LGUs for information and wide dissemination.

**DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO,** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D Provincial Governor