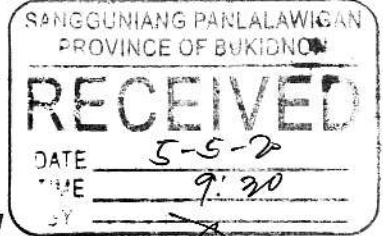




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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MANOLO FORTICH, BUKIDNON WHICH WAS HELD AT SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON APRIL 16, 2020.

PRESENT:

HON. MIGUEL D. DEMATA

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HON. ALEX D. PAYANGGA

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HON. JOHN ANTHONY G. LEYSON

SK Federation Rep.

ABSENT:

HON. CHRISTY LEPARTO SALABE

Sangguniang Bayan Member

HON. NELSON S. BINAYAO

Liga ng mga Brgy. Rep.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1336**

(12<sup>th</sup> Regular Session)

Introduced by: Hon. Atty. Evelio E. Cordovez

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM COMMITTING ANY ACT WHICH CAUSES STIGMA, DISGRACE, SHAME, HUMILIATION, HARASSMENT OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A PERSON INFECTED, UNDER MONITORING OR INVESTIGATION DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DOCTORS, NURSES, HEALTH WORKERS, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS, SERVICE WORKERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO HOSPITALS OR OTHER CENTERS WHERE THESE PERSONS ARE BEING TREATED, AND IMPOSING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREIN, HEREIN OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-COVID19 DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE OF 2020."

WHEREAS, it is a state policy to protect and promote the right to health of its people;

WHEREAS, His Excellency President Rodrigo R. Duterte previously issued Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020 dated March 8, 2020 declaring the State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines by reason of the confirmation of the Secretary of Health on the local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

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**WHEREAS**, by virtue thereof, the Hon. Municipal Mayor Clive D. Quiño issued Executive Order No. 2020-17 dated March 8, 2020 declaring the Municipality of Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon under Community Quarantine in order to avoid and control the entry and spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, since the emergence of COVID-19, we have seen instances of public stigmatization among persons who have contracted the disease including Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) and the rise of harmful stereotypes. This means that people are being labeled, stereotyped, separated and/or experience loss of status and discrimination because of the potential negative affiliation with the disease. Stigmatization could drive people to hide the illness to avoid discrimination or prevent people from seeking health care immediately and discourage them from adopting healthy behaviours;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) recently warned the public against discrimination against persons reported to have contracted COVID-19 as well as PUIs, PUMs including health workers and emergency workers who are among those in the front lines of the battle against the rapidly spreading COVID-19; The DOH state "that with world confronted with a virus with little information known, it is human to be afraid, but we must now allow hysteria and paranoia to result in irrational treatment of people";

**WHEREAS**, considering the gravity of the situation, there is an urgent need to combat this pervasive stigmatization on the basis of one's medical condition. There is a need for the community to bring normalcy and order amidst the crisis, and protect its constituency from unjust discrimination brought on by fear and panic by the public;

**WHEREAS**, it is in these trying times, families who are affected by this pandemic suffer severe anxiety and social humiliation. Hence, it is the policy of the LGU of Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon to act as *parens patriae* during these trying times by showing compassion, empathy and tolerance towards its affected constituents as this virus can inflict any person regardless of race, age, sex or social standing; Only through a united front, strengthened by our religious conviction can we fight and end this pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Philippine Constitution under Article III, Section 1 provides that every person has the right to life, liberty, security of person and privacy and the right to be free from discrimination. Furthermore, under Section 11 thereof, the State values the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

### **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, in session duly assembled:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-COVID-19 Discrimination Ordinance of 2020"

### **SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

- Persons Infected, Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) and Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) are those defined by the protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health.
- Health workers are those who deliver care and services to the sick and ailing, either directly or indirectly. Health workers include, among other, doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic aides, and laboratory technicians.

- Frontliners include officers and member of the PNP, AFP, PCG and instrumentalities of the government rendering emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services. Frontliners also include service workers who are working in private establishment providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospital, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water-refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food product and medicines, banks, money transfer services, energy, telecommunication and water supplies and other related facilities.

**SECTION 3. UNLAWFUL ACTS.** – It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical, to commit any acts or make utterances which cause or tend to cause stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or otherwise discriminating against a person infected, under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19, health worker or frontlines as defined under this Ordinance.

If any public officer refuses or fails to give assistance to a person infected,, under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19, health worker or frontliner who intends to return to his place of residence or domicile after obtaining clearance of the COVID-19 infection from the proper health official, he/she shall be equally liable under this section.

Any person who shall publicly claim, post on social media, spread or announce that a person is infected, is under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19 whether or not the same has been confirmed or validated from the list given by authorized proper health officer, the penalty imposed shall be in its maximum and can also be a ground for filing of an administrative case against said official. EXCEPT when the patient is concerned waived his/her privacy and for purposes of contract tracing and other medical purposes.

**SECTION 4. PENALTIES.** – Any person caught in violation of Section 3 hereof shall be fined with Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or imprisonment of 30 days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. If the offender is a public officer, the maximum penalty herein shall be imposed.

Juridical Person – If committed by juridical person, the President, General Manager, Corporate Secretary or person with related interest in the Corporation or Partnership or Association shall be held liable or penalized accordingly.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other part of provision hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All Ordinances and rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed. PROVIDED, that the rights already vested under those Ordinances, rules or regulations shall not be impaired.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY.** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

This Ordinance was passed on motion of Hon. Evelio e. Cordovez and unanimously seconded by the members present.

Handwritten signatures of the members present at the passage of the ordinance, including Hon. Evelio e. Cordovez and other officials.

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

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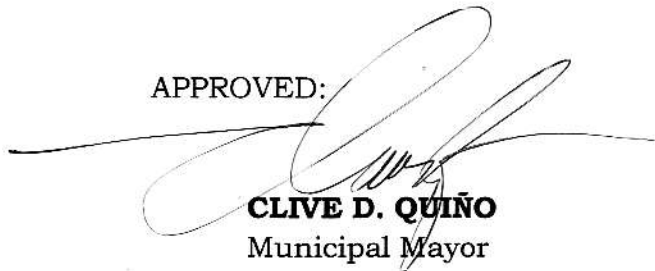


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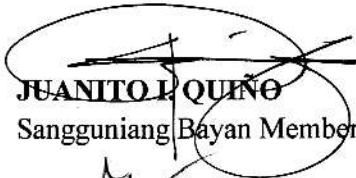
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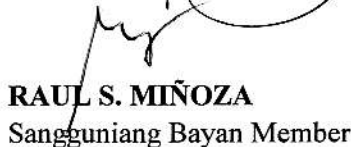
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ATTESTED BY ALL OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT



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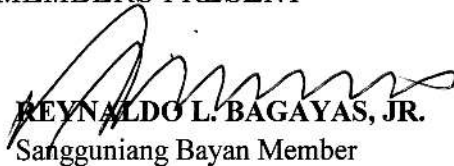
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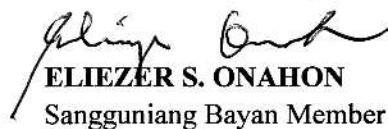
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