EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10, SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER REITERATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY ISOLATION UNITS AS PART OF THE COVID19 RESPONSE OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON

- **WHEREAS**, it is a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;
- WHEREAS, on 28 January 2020, the IATF convened, and thereafter issued regular recommendations for the management of the 2019 Novel CoronaVirus Acute Respiratory Disease, which is now known as CoronaVirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in consonance with IATF recommendations, issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020 073 detailing the Amended Guide to Action Against the 2019 CoronaVirus Acute Respiratory Disease;
- WHEREAS, among the guidelines set forth in MC 2020-023 is the activation of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERT) and the identification and designation of an appropriate place that will serve as the barangay isolation unit;
- WHEREAS, IATF Resolution 101-2021, issued on February 26, 2021, approved the uniform travel protocols for land, air and sea crafted by the DILG in coordination with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, the League of Provinces of the Philippines, the League of the Philippines and the League of Municipalities of the Philippines;
- **WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 11-2021 of the Provincial Governor of Sorsogon encouraged LGUs to establish localized barangay quarantine/isolation facilities so that arriving residents will be closer to their families and so that the latter will be able to provide additional care, attention and support to the former,
- **WHEREAS**, in view of the recent spike in Covid19 cases brought about by the ease of travel restrictions, there is a need to reinforce the City Government's Covid19 response and mitigation efforts particularly in the barangays;
- NOW THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reiterate the establishment of isolation units in the City's barangays as part of our local Covid19 response pursuant to the provisions of DILG MC 2020-023, as follows:

"The BIU must be an enclosed but well-ventilated structure. It can be an empty house or building within the barangay and with sufficient provisions for electricity and running water. ... The BIU should, as much as possible, be situated some distance away from populated areas of the barangay, but easily accessible to the members of the BHERT and other government and health authorities who shall monitor the status of those who shall be placed in it."

DONE this 22nd day of March 2021 at Sorsogon City, Sorsogon, Philippines.

MA. ESTER E. HAMOR City Mayor