## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 75

Series of 2022

"AN ORDER ADOPTING PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03, ALLOWING THE VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN OUTDOOR SETTINGS AND REITERATING THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic on January 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS,** Governor Eduardo B. Gadiano issued Executive Order No. 81, series of 2020, providing for the mandatory wearing of facemasks, duly amended thereafter by Executive Order No. 81A, series of 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Occidental Mindoro has been de-escalated to Alert Level 1 on August 20, 2022;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Presidential Executive Order No. 03, dated September 12, 2022, providing guidelines allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in outdoor settings and reiterating the continued implementation of the minimum public health standards in the Province of Occidental Mindoro during the state of Public Health Emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) – MIMAROPA Region issued a Memorandum, dated October 6, 2022, enjoining all Local Government Units to amend respective local ordinances and/or executive issuances that relate to the wearing of facemasks;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO,** Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order all Municipal Local Chief Executives to adopt the following measures:

**Section 1. ADOPTION.** The guidelines as prescribed under Presidential Executive Order No. 03, series of 2022, allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in outdoor settings and reiterating the continued implementation of the minimum public health standards, is hereby adopted in the Province of Occidental Mindoro.

**Section 2. VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACEMASKS IN OPEN SPACES.** The voluntary wearing of face masks in open spaces and non-crowded areas with good ventilation is hereby allowed, provided that not fully vaccinated individuals, senior citizens, and immunocompromised individuals are highly encouraged to wear their masks, and physical distancing will be observed at all times.

Face masks shall continue to be worn in indoor private or public establishments, including in public transportation by land, sea, or air, and in outdoor places where social distancing cannot be maintained.

**Section 3. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.** The Minimum Public Health Standards, as stipulated under Section 11 of Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, dated January 14, 2020, intends to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications, or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19.

**Section 4. ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION.** Mandatory wearing of face masks in indoor public places shall continue by virtue of this Province's Executive Order No. 81A, series of 2020. The designated public officials and law enforcers shall continue to ensure the mandatory wearing of face masks in the mentioned places.

**Section 5. SEPARABILITY.** If any part of this order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All prior orders, rules, regulations, and issuances or parts thereof, issued by the Province, that are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval thereof.

**DONE** this **Provincial Capitol**, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro, Philippines.

