



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**  
City of Davao

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25**  
Series of 2020

**AN ORDER TO DECLARE A PERIOD OF MOURNING AND VIGILANCE IN  
DAVAO CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Covid-19 pandemic has taken the lives of 143,000 individuals around the world and there are hundreds of death reported daily;

**WHEREAS**, in the Philippines many healthcare workers have either died or have been infected with the virus;

**WHEREAS**, the quarantine conditions have taken a toll on businesses and every individual across all sectors;

**WHEREAS**, extreme want and hunger is expected in the coming months especially among the low income and poor families;

**WHEREAS**, President Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 929 on March 16, 2020 and declared a State of Calamity in the entire country for a period of six months;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to emphasize the value of sympathy for the families of frontliners who died and who will die because of Covid-19;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to impress upon everyone the value of empathy for those who are suffering and will continue to suffer the after effects of the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for constant obedience of the rules and measures set and implemented to contain the spread of the deadly virus;

**WHEREAS**, being vigilant is an essential step in our steps to protect our families and communities from the deadly viral infection;

**WHEREAS**, being vigilant also means recognizing the sacrifices of the frontliners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE**, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1.** Davao City shall be in a Period of Mourning and Vigilance beginning today until December 31, 2020.

**SECTION 2.** During this period all city and national government celebrations, parties, anniversaries, and festivities shall be cancelled.

**SECTION 3.** Commemoration of important dates and legal holidays should be kept short and must be in a somber tone.

**SECTION 4.** All barangays shall refrain from extravagant celebration of their fiesta. All founding anniversaries/araw ng barangay celebrations shall be cancelled.

**SECTION 5.** Private parties to mark personal or family milestones should be kept low key and modest. As a guide, low key can mean a celebration in a public place with no more than 25 guests. Those who want to hold a big celebration are advised to postpone it until the year 2021.

**SECTION 6.** The private sector shall also abide by the requirements of this period and should consider food distribution, feeding program or financial assistance to their employees instead of grandiose celebrations to mark their important events.

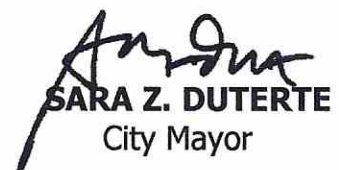
**SECTION 7.** During this period, the City Government shall file actions on the basis of Article 25 of the Civil Code and other pertinent laws in cases of thoughtless extravagance in expenses for pleasure or display.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 in Davao City, Philippines.

  
SARA Z. DUTERTE  
City Mayor

Attested by:

  
ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ  
City Administrator

