EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41 Series of 2022

AN ORDER STRICTLY PROHIBITING GATHERING OF FLOATING TIMBER/LOG/WOOD DEBRIS AT THE CAGAYAN RIVER DURING AND IN THE AFTERMATH OF A TYPHOON

WHEREAS, it has been a national policy under Section 2 (a) of RA 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2020" to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life and property by addressing the root causes of vulnerabilities to disasters, strengthening the country's institutional capacity for disaster risk reduction and management and building the resilience of local communities to disasters including climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, the local government units (LGUs) are authorized under Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 among others to exercise the powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare and to carry out such emergency measures as maybe necessary prior, during and in the aftermath of human-induced and natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, residents usually gamble their lives gathering floating wood debris, log, timber at the Cagayan River during and after typhoons amidst danger of being swept away by the strong current of the river;

WHEREAS, this habit requires the local government to take immediate action to protect life and uphold public health and safety;

WHEREAS, as a measure to protect residents from the danger leading to injury or death, this risky habit must be averted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ISIDRO T. CABADDU, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Camalaniugan, by virtue of powers vested in me by law, do hereby STRICTLY PROHIBIT GATHERING OF FLOATING TIMBER/LOG/WOOD DEBRIS AT THE CAGAYAN RIVER DURING AND IN THE AFTERMATH OF A TYPHOON:

Section 1. PROHIBITION. Any individual or group is prohibited to gather floating wood debris, log, timber or any floating material at the Cagayan River at the height of a typhoon or immediately after its occurrence in the municipality.

Section 2. VIOLATION. In the event the individual or group is not alerted after warning or will willfully and deliberately disregard or opposed the order of prohibition, local law enforcement authorities in the municipality shall enforce Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code imposing penalty to violators.

Section 3. ENFORCEMENT. The members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), assigned in the municipality, together with the barangay officials of affected area shall enforce this Order.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked for any cause.

Done this 30th day of October, 2022 at Camalaniugan, Cagayan.