DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 176, s. 2017

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9, S. 2018 – DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL AS AN ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY AND CLEAN-ENERGY PROVINCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, CID/SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Senior/Education Program Specialists  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others concerned

1. For your information and guidance, enclosed herewith is a copy of an Executive Order No. 9, s. 2018 from the Province of Negros Oriental, Declaring the Province of Negros Oriental as an Environment-Friendly and Clean-Energy Province.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

EVANGEL M. LUMINARIAS, Ph. D., CESO V  
Schools Division Superintendent

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FMI/NCOSMIL
April 10, 2018

To        : DENR, DILG, PIA, DepEd-Province/City, ENRD

From      : The Provincial Governor

Subject    : Executive Order No. 9 s. of 2018 re: Declaring The Province of Negros Oriental as an Environment-Friendly and Clean-Energy Province

We are respectfully furnishing you of the above stated Executive Order for guidance and support.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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FROILAN JOSEPH B. PINILI
Asst. Provincial Administrator
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. F.G. of 2013

DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL AS AN ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY AND CLEAN-ENERGY PROVINCE

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that it is the responsibility of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 6974, or the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1989, declares that the State shall promote and protect the global environment to attain sustainable development while recognizing the primary responsibility of local government units to deal with environmental problems;

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Oriental, its nineteen (19) municipalities and six (6) cities, are blessed with a natural environment that endows its people not only with diverse resources but also with beautiful surroundings that nurture good health and promote a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, the province is among the few places in the country where people remain in harmony with nature while its economy continues to develop and flourish;

WHEREAS, the people of Negros Oriental genuinely live out a sustainable development path in a preserved and vibrant natural environment;

WHEREAS, the preservation of Negros Oriental's beaches, lakes, marine sanctuaries, waterfalls, sandbars, mangrove forests, rivers, springs, mountains, trails and tropical forests steadily attract appreciation, both nationally and globally, achieved through strategic eco-tourism programs where exciting activities for local and international tourists can be experienced;

WHEREAS, the determination to protect and preserve the natural environment of the Province brought about enrichment to the Negrenses' lives, creating a path towards sustainable development and providing livelihood to the greater part of the population, especially in the grassroots;

WHEREAS, consistent with this direction, the Province of Negros Oriental shall, on one hand, strive to develop and utilize clean and renewable energy to support economic growth and, on the other hand, veer away from activities that are destructive to the environment and harmful to the Negrenses' health and livelihood such as the operation of coal-fired power plants;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9163, or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001, declares as a state policy to promote the utilization of indigenous and new and renewable energy resources in power generation in order to reduce dependence on imported energy;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy in Republic Act No. 9513, or the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, to encourage the development and utilization of renewable energy resources as tools to effectively prevent or reduce harmful emissions, and thereby balance the goals of economic growth and development with the protection of health and the environment,
WHEREAS, other countries experience the damaging effects to the environment of coal-fired power plants that emit pollution thereby poisoning the air, land and water, destroying the natural beauty, and causing serious illnesses such as respiratory, cardiovascular and neurological defects;

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Commission (CCC) in its Resolution No. 2016-001, provides that, at a global level, coal-fired power plants are the biggest source of man-made carbon dioxide emissions which account for about thirty-five percent (35%) of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

WHEREAS, the signing by President Rodrigo Duterte of the Instrument of Accession to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the subsequent concurrence by the Philippine Senate of said Agreement expressly recognize the critical impact of climate change and the immediate need to adopt emission reduction programs to hold the increase in global average temperature to below 2°C;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government, under said CCC Resolution No. 2016-001, adopted a national policy review and framework development of energy, through a whole-of-nation approach, in accordance with a low carbon development pathway and national goals and targets for climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster risk reduction, and renewable energy development;

WHEREAS, the preservation of Negros Oriental's natural beauty, its abundant resources, and the protection of the life and health of the Negrenses is of utmost importance.

NOW THEREFORE, I ROEL RAGAY DEGAMO, Provincial Governor of Negros Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and declare THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL AS AN ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY AND CLEAN ENERGY PROVINCE, AND TO ADOPT A POLICY THAT ALL OFFICES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL SHALL NOT ISSUE ANY PERMIT, AUTHORIZATION, ENDORSEMENT, OR ANY EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS IN THE PROVINCE.

SECTION 1. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any portion of the executive order be declared illegal or unconstitutional by any component authority, other portions not affected by the order and declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 28th day of March, 2018 at Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines.

ROEL RAGAY DEGAMO
Governor