

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Pangasinan MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37**

Series 2024

AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING A SHORTENED CLASS PROGRAM FOR PRE-SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS, AND ENCOURAGING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG, **PANGASINAN** TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE CLASS MODALITY UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO PROTECT LEARNERS FROM THE PREVAILING HIGH HEAT INDEX

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers expressly granted, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Service Administration (DOST-PAGASA) reported and forecasted continued high heat index which is considered "dangerous" levels of heat and may cause exhaustion and heat cramps, with the possibility of heat stroke for individuals with high and constant exposure;

WHEREAS, Department of Education (DepEd) issues DO No. 037, s. 2022 "Guidelines on the Cancellation of Classes and Work in Schools in the Event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages/Power Interruptions, and other Calamities to ensure safety and protection of learners and personnel from unnecessary physical dangers and health and safety risks;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Bayambang, Pangasinan, recognizing the health and safety risks posed by high heat index on students and staff in educational institutions, hereby issue this executive order for the implementation of shortened class periods to mitigate such risks and ensure the well-being of all individuals within school premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO, Municipal Mayor of Bayambang, Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me and by expressed authority provided for by law to the Local Chief Executive, do hereby order:





SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF SHORTENED CLASS PROGRAM UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND HIGH SCHOOL. To ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff due to the continuous periods of high heat index, this executive order is issued for the implementation of shortened class schedules until the end of the school year.

Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in the municipality are hereby encouraged to adopt the same. The HEI management is given the discretion to decide and implement their own schedule and modality they see fit with utmost consideration of their students and personnel safety and well-being.

**SECTION 2. SCHOOL LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS.** The Local Government Unit joins with the schools in ensuring the comprehensive learning competencies and objectives of the schools are met. Learning activities and engagements such as recognition/graduation/school practices or projects must be met with utmost consideration of their learners. Schools are hereby enjoined to strategize on the schedules, venues, and time, for their school activities and engagements to protect learners from the hazards of exposure to the high heat climate.

**SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other orders, rules, regulations and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Order, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of the Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This executive order shall take effect immediately and will continue until amended or revoked.

This Executive Order shall be disseminated and implemented accordingly.

DONE in the Municipality of Bayambang, Pangasinan, this 2nd day of May 2024.

HON. MARY CLARE JUDITH PHYLLIS JOSE-QUIAMBAO
Municipal Mayor

