



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF SANTA RITA

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31-2021

AN ORDER IMPOSING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PARKS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA RITA, PAMPANGA FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 03, 2021 (AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL IATF THRU ITS RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021 DATED OCTOBER 18, 2021) TO OPTIMIZE PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION BY ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION DUE TO CONVERGENCE OF PEOPLE DURING THE TRADITIONAL REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY IN SAID PLACES

WHEREAS, by tradition, All Saints Day and All Souls Day have become highly anticipated holidays and during this period, the influx of people to cemeteries and memorial parks to pay respect to their departed loved ones is highly expected;

WHEREAS, due to our current COVID-19 situation where mass gatherings are strongly discouraged, this annual tradition is momentarily set aside to totally prevent people from converging in cemeteries and memorial parks, hence, no individual shall be allowed in these places within the specified period;

WHEREAS, alternative options of remembering the saints and the dead are suggested like prayer and flower offerings as well as candle lighting within the premises of dwelling places;

WHEREAS, in the event that people decide to pay respect to their departed loved ones or conduct cleaning and/or repainting of tombs, mausoleums, and niches in cemeteries and memorial parks, they will be allowed to do so, before or after the specified dates of closure while strictly following **health and safety protocols (e.g. maximum venue capacity of 50%, mandatory wearing of face shields and face masks and strict practice of safe physical distancing)**.

WHEREAS, interment/burial shall be allowed within the interim closure of cemeteries and memorial parks with the directive that the limited number of attendees shall strictly follow abovementioned health and safety protocols and shall leave the area immediately after the entombment ritual;

WHEREAS, PNP and BFP personnel, the barangay police and the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (LDRRMO) personnel shall be deputized and deployed to maintain orderliness, disperse violators, if any and if necessary, apprehend and charge them with appropriate sanctions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ENGR. FERDINAND L. SALALILA, Municipal Mayor of Santa Rita, Pampanga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES AND MEMORIAL PARKS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA RITA, PAMPANGA FROM OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 03, 2021 (AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL IATF THRU ITS RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021 DATED OCTOBER 18, 2021), TO OPTIMIZE PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION BY ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION DUE TO CONVERGENCE OF PEOPLE DURING TRADITIONAL REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY IN SAID PLACES.

This Order shall take effect immediately. Done this 19th day of October 2021 at Santa Rita, Pampanga.


ENGR. FERDINAND L. SALALILA
Municipal Mayor