



**EXCERPTS FROM THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOINT REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY  
TASK GROUP ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE (RIATG-EID)-REGIONAL  
TASK FORCE FOR COVID-19 (RTF COVID-19)-MDM CLUSTER VIRTUAL  
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2020, 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

HON. SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU, Ph.D.	Governor, Sultan Kudarat/Chairperson, RTF-COVID-19
ARISTIDES CONCEPCION TAN, MD, MPH, CESO III	Regional Director, DOH XII/Chairperson, RIATG-EID 12
HON. REYNALDO S. TAMAYO, JR.	Governor, South Cotabato
HON. STEVE C. SOLON	Governor, Sarangani
HON. NANCY A. CATAMCO	Governor, Cotabato Province
HON. RONNEL C. RIVERA	City Mayor, General Santos City
ATTY. FRANCES CYNTHIA GUIANI-SAYADI	City Mayor, Cotabato City
CEZARIO JOEL C. ESPEJO	Regional Director, DSWD XII
JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III	Regional Director, DILG XII
MINDA C. MORANTE	Regional Director, OCD XII
PBGEN ALFRED S. CORPUS	Regional Director, PNP-PRO XII
FLORA POLITUD.-GABUNALES, CESO V	Regional Director, DTI XII
SISINIO B. CANO	Regional Director, DOLE XII
CATHERINE T. APELACIO	Regional Director, PIA XII
MGEN DIOSDADO CARREON	6 <sup>TH</sup> ID, Philippine Army, AFP
BGEN ADONIS R BAJAO	1002 <sup>nd</sup> IBDE, 10 <sup>TH</sup> ID, Philippine Army, AFP
ATTY. SERVILLANO SANTIAGO LORENZO III	Regional Public Attorney, PAO XII
MARY ANN V. LUCERO	Team Leader, PMS XII
RONAN EUGENE C. GARCIA	PSR, MEDAFC, RDC XII
ALFREDO P. HEBRONA, JR	PSR, INFRACOM, RDC XII
ROLANDO S. DORIA	PSR, EDC, RDC XII
CSUPT LOUIE S. PURACAN-Rep. by FCInsp Reginald Legaste	Regional Director, BFP XII

**GUESTS/DISCUSSANTS:**

ALLAN G. FARNAZO	Regional Director, DepEd XII
TERESITA SOCORRO C. RAMOS-Rep. by Ma. Felicidad Guerrero	Regional Director, NEDA XII

**ABSENT:**

ARLAN M. MANGELEN	Regional Executive Director, DA XII
RICHLIE LYNDON B. MAGTULIS	PSR, RSDC, RDC XII
PAOLO CARLO TIONGSON	SC, CGS GenSan , Philippine Coast Guard



**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-004**  
**Series of 2020**

**A RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL LGUs OF REGION XII TO COORDINATE WITH  
GENERAL SANTOS CITY AND KIDAPAWAN CITY IN THE EVENT THAT THE  
FAMILY OF THE HUMAN REMAINS OF COVID-19 PATIENT AND PUI WILL OPT  
FOR CREMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Sec 91 of PD 856 otherwise known as Code on Sanitation of the Philippines provides that when the cause of death is a dangerous communicable disease, the remains shall be buried within 12 hours after death;

**WHEREAS**, the DILG issued MC No. 063 dated March 27, 2020, providing for an Interim Guidelines on the Management of Human Remains for Patients Under Investigation (PUI) and confirmed COVID-19 cases;

**WHEREAS**, the DILG MC 063-2020 requires that burial, preferably cremation, shall be done in disposing the remains of confirmed COVID-19 patients and PUIs. Specifically, the guideline provides that cremation or burial of human remains shall be in accordance with the wish, religious and culturally-acceptable norms of the deceased, and the decision of those who have the duty to make burial arrangements;

**WHEREAS**, there are only 2 LGUs in Region XII with existing crematorium facilities, specifically referring to Kidapawan City, Province of Cotabato and General Santos City;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure that the provisions of existing laws and policies governing this matter are complied with, coordination between and among LGUs shall be in place;

**NOW, WHEREFORE**, upon motion of **RD Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III**, DILG XII and duly seconded by **Governor Nancy A. Catamco**, Province of Cotabato resolve as it is hereby **RESOLVED** to **ENJOIN ALL LGUs OF REGION XII TO COORDINATE WITH GENERAL SANTOS CITY AND KIDAPAWAN CITY IN THE EVENT THAT THE FAMILY OF THE HUMAN REMAINS OF COVID-19 PATIENT AND PUI WILL OPT FOR CREMATION;**

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all the Regional IATG Members, the Regional Task Force on CoVID-19 Members, the Management of the Dead and Missing Cluster members, and the local government units within the region for their information and appropriate action.



**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:** April 7, 2020 in Region 12.

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**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** as to the appropriateness of the foregoing Resolution.

Attested by:



**JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III.**  
Regional Director, DILG XII &  
Secretariat, RIATG-EID 12 & RTF COVID-19



**MINDA C. MORANTE**  
Regional Director, OCD XII &  
Secretariat, RTF COVID-19

Approved:



**SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU, Ph.D.**  
Governor, Sultan Kudarat &  
Chairperson, RTF COVID-19



**ARISTIDES CONCEPCION TAN, CESO III**  
Regional Director, DOH-CHD 12 &  
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