

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF AURORA Baler

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PROVISION OF EXPRESS LANES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF AURORA OFFICES

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the State under the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines to protect persons with disabilities (PWDs) and promote their welfare and development;

WHEREAS, Section 10 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10754 otherwise known as *An Act Expanding the Benefits and Privileges of Persons with Disability* provides that "Express lanes for persons with disability shall be provided in all commercial and government establishments. In the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them in all the transactions of the establishments";

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission issued on 23 June 2017 Memorandum Circular No. 20, series of 2017 which reiterates that government agencies are required to provide express lanes for persons with disabilities. It states that the Commission recognizes that persons with disabilities (PWDs) should enjoy the benefits and privileges provided by law;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of the Province of Aurora recognizes its mandate to provide for the care of disable persons subject to availability of funds, establish, support the operation of centers and facilities for said needy and disadvantaged persons, and facilitate efforts to promote the welfare of the disadvantaged, and the exploited;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GERARDO A. NOVERAS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by existing laws as the Governor of the Province of Aurora, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. **Declaration of Policy** - Disabled persons are part of Philippine society, thus the State shall give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of disabled persons and their integration into the mainstream of society.

Section 2. All Department Heads of Provincial Government of Aurora (PGA) offices, especially those providing frontline services, are mandated to provide express lanes for persons with disabilities in their respective departments. In the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them in all of their transactions in the PGA offices.

Section 3. Repealing Clause. All issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall be in full force and effect immediately until otherwise revoked.

Done this 1st day of March 2021 at the Provincial Capitol, Baler, Aurora.

