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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 144  
Series of 2024

**AN ORDER ENCOURAGING PRE-EMPTIVE EVACUATION TODAY OCTOBER  
24, 2024, DUE TO SEVERE TROPICAL STORM "KRISTINE"**

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**WHEREAS**, Tropical Cyclone Bulletin #19 issued by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) last 11:00 am, 24 October 2024 regarding Severe Tropical Storm "Kristine" stated that Iloilo City is under Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No.1, wherein winds of 39-61 km/h may be expected in at least 36 hours or intermittent rains may be expected within 36 hours and minimal to minor impacts from strong winds are possible;

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Cyclone Bulletin #19 also stated that wind flow coming towards the circulation of KRISTINE and the Northeasterly Windflow will also bring strong to gale-force gusts over Western Visayas today October 24, until Saturday, October 26;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Republic Act 10121, the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) is tasked to develop policies and plans, and the implementation of actions and measures pertaining to all aspects of disaster risk reduction and management, which includes good governance, risk assessment, and early warning, knowledge building, and awareness-raising reducing underlying risk factors, and preparedness for effective response and early recovery;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the general welfare clause of the Local Government Code, the Local Chief Executive is empowered to exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, and in order to safeguard, preserve and protect the lives, well-being, and health of the inhabitants of the City of Iloilo, as well as their properties and to minimize the adverse impacts of hazard and related disasters, the necessary mitigating measures must be employed;

**WHEREAS**, concerning the potential impacts of "Kristine," the Iloilo City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (ICDRRMC) issued a memorandum dated last October 21, 2024 placing the Iloilo City DRRM Operations Center to "BLUE ALERT", and emphasized that preparedness and precautionary measures are essential to safeguard the city's residents and mitigate any potential risks;

**WHEREAS**, relative to Severe Tropical Storm Kristine, the Iloilo City Emergency Operations Center reiterated the call for pre-emptive evacuation in the coastal barangay of the city to protect the general welfare of the public and highly encouraged for public and private institutions to shorten their office hours or operations;

**WHEREAS** Labor Advisory No. 17-22, Series of 2022 of the Department of Labor and Employment provides guidelines for private sector employers and workers on suspending work and appropriate paying of wages during weather disturbances and other similar events to ensure employee safety and well-being during such occurrences;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEFFREY P. GANZON**, Acting Mayor of Iloilo City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order, to wit:

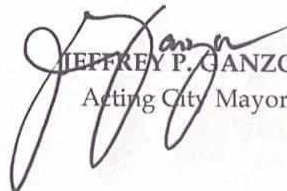
**SECTION 1. REITERATION OF THE CALL FOR PRE-EMPTIVE EVACUATION.** The call for preemptive evacuation in the coastal barangays of the city to protect the general welfare of the public is hereby reiterated.

**SECTION 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO SHORTEN THEIR OFFICE HOURS OR OPERATIONS.** While suspension of work for private companies and offices is left to the discretion of management, shortening of office hours or operations is encouraged to ensure public safety.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this **24th** day of **October, 2024** in the City of Iloilo Philippines.

SO ORDERED.

  
**JEFFREY P. GANZON**  
Acting City Mayor <sup>pc</sup>