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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-03-022**  
**Series of 2020**

**AN ORDER DECLARING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KARUMASAN AT BARANGAY ALMEIDA, BALAOAN, LA UNION IN RESPONSE TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

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**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Duterte has issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines on the 8th day of March 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 which constitutes an emergency threatening national security. The said declaration mandated mandatory monitoring/reporting of cases, intensifying government response and measures, and enforcing quarantine and disease control prevention measures.

**WHEREAS**, in view of the said declaration, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) has advised all Local Government Units (LGUs) to take precautionary measures to help contain the spread of the disease;

**WHEREAS**, Karumasan at Barangay Almeida is one of the tourist destinations in Balaoan, La Union and therefore one of the most likely places where COVID-19 may be easily spread because of the close interaction between visitors and local residents who are catering to tourism needs ;

**WHEREAS**, in view of these circumstances and in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in this important tourism destination, there is a need to adopt emergency measures not only to protect visitors but also local residents who frequent the place for leisure and livelihood;

**WHEREAS**, the General Welfare Clause 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 necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ALELI U. CONCEPCION**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the temporary closure of Karumasan at Barangay Almeida, Balaoan, La Union.



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**Section 1.** All entry and exit points of Karumasan are hereby declared closed temporarily effective March 14, 2020. The Balaoan Police Station and the Barangay Council of Barangay Almeida shall enforce said closure and post personnel to ensure that no person, regardless of purpose, shall be allowed entry into the area.

**Section 2.** No personnel assigned to work or is presently working at Karumasan whether they are tourism service personnel of the area or are simply making livelihood in the area shall be allowed entry at Karumasan during the duration of this temporary closure.

**Section 3.** The Punong Barangay of Almeida is hereby directed to activate the Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction Management Personnel (BDRRMP) and fully coordinate with the PNP to enforce this Order.

**Section 4.** This Executive Order shall take effect on March 14, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until it is lifted and/or amended accordingly when the prevailing situation warrants.

**DONE** in the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
**ATTY. ALELI U. CONCEPCION**  
Municipal Mayor