PROMULGATION OF ACTS PROHIBITED TO PREVENT THE SALE AND UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSAL OF AVIAN VIRUS INFECTED LIVE POULTRY PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Avian Influenza or “Birdflu” is a contagious disease caused by viruses that normally infect poultries;

WHEREAS, around 37,000 fowls have died of the Avian Influenza in San Luis, Pampanga, a town situated nearby the Municipality of Baliwag;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall monitor and create a preventive measure to avert the spread of Avian Influenza in the Local Government of Baliwag;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER F. CLEMENTE, Acting Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the promulgation of acts prohibited to prevent the sale and unauthorized disposal of avian virus infected poultry products

SECTION 1. PROHIBITED ACTS.

a. Selling, importing, and exporting of live poultries within the vicinity of Baliwag;

b. Releasing of ducks in the rice field to avoid transfer and spreading of Avian Flu Virus.

SECTION 2. THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICE AND MUNICIPAL VETERINARIAN OFFICE shall:

a. Impose the total ban on the entry and exit of poultry, fowl, birds, or other animals coming from infected cities and municipalities which are potential or suspected to be afflicted or carriers of the avian flu virus;

b. Conduct surveillance, mapping, identification, isolation, quarantine of chickens, their products, and other animals infected or suspected to be infected by the avian flu virus within the Municipality;
c. Coordinate with the Provincial Veterinary Office for updates and monitoring of other areas affected by avian flu virus.

SECTION 3. THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE is hereby ordered to conduct inspection and checkpoints in this municipality to ensure the enactment of this order.

SECTION 4. ALL THE BARANGAYS under the jurisdiction of this municipality especially those who are in the boundary of Pampanga and Baliwag shall assist the implementing officials in the total ban on the live poultry transportation.

SECTION 5. THE MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT OFFICE is hereby ordered to ensure the full implementation of this order in all public markets in Baliwag.

SECTION 6. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND COORDINATION- The Municipal Administrator’s Office, Municipal Health Office, Municipal Agriculture and Veterinary Office, Municipal Disaster Risk Management Office together with the Municipal Public Information Office shall:

a. Continuously educate and disseminate information, as appropriate, in order to prepare and educate Baliwagenyos with a better understanding of the avian flu virus, promote positive health values and behavior, and prevent disinformation, confusion, or panic;

b. Coordinate responses together with other government offices and the private sector through meetings, conferences and the like; or otherwise constructively engage the public and affected sectors in general;

c. Issue the necessary bulletins, advisories and warnings on matters concerning the foregoing.

SECTION 7. REPEALING. All issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force until the declaration of its cessation.

DONE this 11th day of August 2017 at the Municipal Hall of Baliwag, Bulacan Philippines

HON. CHRISTOPHER F. CLEMENTE
Acting Municipal Mayor

By the Acting Municipal Mayor:

ENRIQUE V. TAGLE
Municipal Administrator