

# [ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 30, April 21, 2020 ]

## **DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO FORMULATE AND ISSUE GUIDELINES ON THE INTERRUPTION OF PERIODS FOR THE FILING OF DOCUMENTS, PAYMENT OF TAXES, CHARGES AND OTHER FEES, AND CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES, AND ON THE MOVEMENT OF TIMELINES FOR THE RELEASE OF BENEFITS**

**WHEREAS**, the President issued Proclamation No. 922 (s. 2020) declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the COVID-19 situation, and has called all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to undertake appropriate measures to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

**WHEREAS**, through Proclamation No. 929 (s. 2020), the President declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the serious threat to the health, safety, security, and lives of the Filipino people posed by COVID-19, Republic Act (RA) No. 11469, otherwise known as the "Bayanihan to Heal As One Act," was enacted to authorize the President to exercise powers that are necessary and proper to carry out the tasks needed to mitigate, if not contain, the transmission of COVID-19 and its adverse effects to the lives of Filipinos; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4(z) of RA No. 11469 provides that the President shall have the power to move statutory deadlines and timelines for the filing and submission of any document, the payment of taxes, fees, and other charges required by law, and the grant of any benefit as a temporary emergency measure to respond to the crisis brought by the pandemic in order to ease the burden on individuals under community quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 28 March 2020 (Memorandum), the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF) to implement Section 4(z) of RA No. 11469; and

**WHEREAS**, the same Memorandum states that the exercise of the authorities stated therein by the departments and agencies concerned shall be without prejudice to the direct exercise thereof by the President at any time;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by RA No. 11469 and other laws, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. Directive to Issue Guidelines.** Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, and in order to ease the social and economic burden of community quarantine, all heads of departments, agencies, offices, and instrumentalities of the