



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-09**

**RELATIVE TO EMPANELING A TASK FORCE TO ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH (50TH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM AND FIFTY YEARS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IN GUAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Organic Act of Guam, as enacted by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on August 1, 1950, marked the beginning of 50 years of American democracy in Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the signing of the Organic was a watershed event in the history of Guam, moving our island's governance from military to civilian rule, granting U.S. citizenship to Chamorros, and establishing the foundation for elected government for Guam's people; and

**WHEREAS**, this federal statute has been the de-facto constitution for the government of Guam, and has been the vehicle for the establishment of democratic institutions including an elected Legislature, an elected Governor, a Guam Supreme Court, and Guam's Delegate to the U.S. Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the last 50 years of American democracy in Guam has been a history of numerous individuals whom, in measures both great and small, have contributed to the implementation of the Organic Act, the evolution of self-government for our island, and the performance of public service to Guam's people; and

**WHEREAS**, all these individuals are part of the fabric of American democracy in Guam for the past 50 years and are deserving of recognition for their contributions to our community's progress since the enactment of the Organic Act; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the commemoration, special recognition should be granted to those political leaders, private sector leaders and public servants who have contributed so much to Guam's progress for these last 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that the people of Guam should properly acknowledge this important anniversary and individuals who have been part of this 50 years of democratic history; and also recognizing that an examination of the current role and future amendment of the Organic Act be considered as part of this anniversary commemoration;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'låhan Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:**



1. **Creation of Task Force.** A Task Force on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organic Act of Guam is created, and its members shall be chosen by the Governor.

2. **Composition.** The Governor or his designee is the Chairperson of the Task Force and it's membership shall represent the community at large. Additionally, an unlimited number of volunteers shall assist the Chairperson and the Task Force in achieving its mission.

3. **Subcommittees and duties.** The Task Force shall have at least Two (2) sub-committees: the first to organize the appropriate activities to properly acknowledge and celebrate the 50th anniversary and to properly recognize individuals who have contributed to Guam's half century of democratic history; and the second to examine the current state of the Organic Act and possible future alterations to the document that is Guam's de-facto constitution. Additional sub-committees may be created and duties assigned at the discretion of the Chairperson.

4. **Term.** The Task Force shall continue to exist until changed or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 4th day of April, 2000.**

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**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
I Maga'Lahen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

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**MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**  
Segunda na Maga'Lahen Guåhan  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

