

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-26

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE MITIGATION AND RESTORATION OF GUATALI BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Guatali Bridge is located along the access to the Agat Shell fuel storage facility, Peri Waste Oil Collector, SGS Guam Petroleum Testing Service, Detry Plumbing and Ty Com and serves as a main access; and

WHEREAS, the upkeep and maintenance of the Guatali Bridge is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, an engineer's assessment, attached for reference, ascertains that the present condition of the Guatali Bridge has fallen victim to natural catastrophic damages and structural failures caused by the passing storms and torrential rains, and further exacerbated as a result of a recent strong monsoon trough that was located over Guam; and

WHEREAS, further assessments reveal that the supporting soil and undermining of the structure is a safety concern and the current rainy conditions compounded with the daily heavy traffic movement across this main access places this box culvert bridge in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Division of Department of Public Works has determined that immediate attention is required to stabilize the failed spillway slope and restore the bridge to an acceptable level of stability for traffic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, Governor of Guam, pursuant to the authority vested to be by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended to hereby declare:

- 1) Declaration of State of Emergency. A state of emergency is declared in order for the Department of Public Works (DPW) to expedite the restoration, reconstruction and repairs to the Guatali bridge to ensure structural stability and overall safety;
- 2) Emergency Procurement and Emergency Expenses: Pursuant to 5 G.C.A.§5215, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, this executive order shall authorize emergency procurement for supplies and services by Department of Public Works to immediately restore, reconstruct and repair the Guatali bridge;
- **3) Documentation of Expenses.** DPW shall keep appropriate documentation of all emergency expenses for inspection by the Executive and Legislative branches and the Public Auditor of Guam;
- 4) Overtime. The Executive Order shall authorize the employees to include exempt and non-exempt employees of the Department of Public Works responding to this executive order and the recovery from the widespread flooding and severe land erosion within the cited area, to accrue overtime from October 20, 2006 until the mitigation services are satisfactorily addressed in accordance with Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and FHWA regulations; and



5) Government of Guam Support. All Government of Guam agencies, inclusive of line and autonomous, shall provide such emergency services as requested by Department of Public Works.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 23 day of October, 2006.

FELIX P. CAMACHO *I Maga' Lahen Guahan* Governor of Guam