EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2007-21

RELATIVE TO DECLARING CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2007, A SPECIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

WHEREAS, Christmas is a time for families to spend together and to enjoy the spirit of this season of joy and giving; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the government of Guam worked very hard during the past year, achieving progress and building opportunities for the future of our island; and

WHEREAS, Christmas this year falls on a Tuesday, giving the opportunity for thousands of government of Guam families to enjoy more time together through the Christmas weekend if Christmas Eve is declared a part of the holiday; and

WHEREAS, Section 1000(c) of Chapter 10 of Title 1 of the Guam Code Annotated authorizes I Ma'ga'lahen Guahan to declare by Executive Order additional non-permanent holidays for special purposes; and

WHEREAS, the intent of 1 G.C.A. 1000(c) is to provide I Ma'ga'lahi flexibility in declaring a holiday for an occurrence meriting such recognition to include those special-declared holidays by the United States President; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Ma'ga'lahen Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1. All executive branch departments and agencies of the Government of Guam shall be closed and their employees excused from duty on Monday, December 24, 2007, the day before Christmas Day, except as provided in Section 2 below;

2. The heads of executive branch departments and agencies may determine that certain offices and installations of their organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that certain employees must report for duty on December 24, 2007, for reasons of public safety or other public need; and
3. Monday, December 24, 2007, shall be considered as falling within the scope of the Department of Administration's Personnel Rules and Regulations as promulgated by Executive Order No. 96-24 of October 1, 1996, as they relate to the pay and leave of employees of the Government of Guam.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 24th day of December, 2007.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I.Maga’låhen Guahan
Governor of Guam