RELATIVE TO CREATING A BUILDING ENERGY CODE TASK FORCE COMMITTEE AS PART OF AN INITIATIVE TO CREATE A PARTNERSHIP WITH HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE IN REVIEWING THE MODEL TROPICAL BUILDING ENERGY CODE DRAFT

WHEREAS, the Guam Building Energy Code was adopted for implementation and incorporated to the Guam Uniform Building Code and enforced on October 15, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Building Energy Code establishes minimum energy-efficient requirements for the design and construction of new buildings and their systems: those buildings undergoing major renovations; and new systems and equipment in existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Building Energy Code, that requires the use of more energy-efficient materials and designs acted as a catalyst to reduce overall usage of energy as well as energy cost; and

WHEREAS, the prescriptions of the Guam Building Energy Code, such as those for insulation levels reference ASHRAE 90.1-1989 and needs to be updated to address the requirements of ASHRAE 90.1-2004; and

WHEREAS, a Model Tropical Building Energy Code is being developed in the State of Hawaii that will establish standards to reduce building energy use in Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Marianna Islands; and will be modeled after ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004, but embrace other appropriate energy efficiency technologies and design strategies appropriate for tropical climates; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Energy State Office, in-charge of developing the Model Tropical Building Energy Code, seeks alliance with Guam and other tropical island economies to review the Model Tropical Building Energy Code Draft with options for local modification and adaptation; and

WHEREAS, these options will be developed in consultation with a local task force committee with members from the Guam Energy Office, Department of Public Works, and professionals in the building industry who will work together to write and edit sections of the code.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, i Maga’lāhen Gudhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

The Creation of Guam Building Energy Code Task Force Committee. Spearheaded by the Guam Energy Office and Department of Public Works supported by building professionals and contractors in the building industry to:

- Review the Model Tropical Building Energy Code Draft and provide input, edit and modify certain sections of the code for finalization; to
- Promote the code through the adoption process and work; and to
• Work to establish procedures to effectively implement and enforce the codes at the local level.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagatna, Guam this 14th day of January, 2008.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
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Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

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