OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTNA, GUAM 96910
U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2008-04

RELATIVE TO AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-11 AND RECONVENING THE GOVERNOR’S PANDEMIC PLAN TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, an influenza pandemic remains a viable threat to the global community and to the residents of Islan Guahan; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government, through the federal agencies of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Health and Human Services has provided critical review and assessment of Guam’s Pandemic Influenza Plan (hereinafter referred to as the Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Pandemic Plan Task Force, created under Executive Order 2006-11 in May 2006, has accomplished its initial tasking and needs to reconvene to address the major gaps in Guam’s Plan as identified by the U.S. federal government’s review; and

WHEREAS, Islan Guahan’s status as a strategic U.S. territory and its pandemic planning activities contribute to the United States Government’s overall National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, effective pandemic planning and exercising continues to require substantial resources and close coordination among all segments of the community, to include public sector, private sector, faith and non-governmental organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Maga’ Lahen Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby amend Executive Order 2006-11 and do order:

1. Lead Agencies. The Department of Public Health and Social Services shall continue to coordinate pandemic planning efforts and updates to the Plan. The Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense will provide and facilitate technical assistance to the development of critical infrastructure and key resources relating to the Plan.

2. Pandemic Plan Task Force. The task force shall continue to update the Plan, incorporating the recommendations of the US Government review and work with all sectors of the community to prepare for a pandemic. The task force shall be co-chaired by the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and the Governor’s appointee to this task force.

The task force shall include the directors of the following government agencies or their designees, provided that such designees are empowered to act on behalf of their respective agencies:

a. Office of the Lieutenant Governor (Health Policy Initiative)
b. Department of Public Health and Social Services
d. Guam Memorial Hospital Authority
e. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
f. Department of Agriculture  
g. Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency  
h. Port Authority of Guam  
i. Guam International Airport Authority  
j. Guam Visitors Bureau  
k. Consolidated Commission on Utilities  
l. Guam Police Department  
m. Guam Fire Department  
n. Guam Public School System  
o. Department of Administration  
p. Department of Labor  
q. Mayor’s Council of Guam  
r. University of Guam  
s. Guam Community College  
t. Department of Public Works  
u. Guam Environmental Protection Agency  
v. Guam National Guard  
w. Office of the Attorney General  

The task force also shall continue to invite representatives from the Guam Medical Society, the American Red Cross, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association, the Salvation Army, faith-based organizations, and foreign consulates.

The task force shall also invite and continue to collaborate with Guam’s federal partners such as the Air Force and Navy commands to include the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) school system and the Joint-Task Force/Homeland Defense (USPACOM), the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

As a result of the U.S. Government’s review of Guam’s Plan, the task force shall develop and update the Plan’s policies and protocols as necessary to address the shortfalls identified. The task force shall then submit Guam’s revised Pandemic Influenza Plan to the U.S. federal government no later than June 16, 2008.

3. The Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services shall continue to work closely with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the World Health Organization, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community to coordinate the establishment, implementation, or enforcement of all applicable plans, programs, rules, regulations or other such measures in connection with Island Guahan’s pandemic preparations.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagatna, Guam this 16 day of April, 2008.

COUNTERSIGNED:

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