RELATIVE TO ADOPTING AND PROMULGATING THE 2008 GUAM HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, because of its geographic location, Guam is under constant threat of natural and man-made disasters that may cause mass casualty and injuries, loss of real property and damage to our environment; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam has created a solid strategy for mitigation to reduce risks from future events. The 2008 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan") demonstrates Guam's continued commitment to reduce risk from natural hazards and serves as a guide for Guam’s decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, Guam relies on both technical and other assistance from federal partners during response to and recovery from events, making close coordination between all parties a necessity; and

WHEREAS, the Plan describes Guam's planning process for identifying hazards, risks and vulnerabilities. It also identifies and prioritizes mitigation actions, encouraging the ongoing development and effective implementation of Guam’s specific mitigation strategies and provides technical support for these efforts; and

WHEREAS, This Plan meets all the requirements of Section 409 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. This includes meeting the requirement that the plan be adopted by the government of Guam and fulfilling all of the requirements of the Crosswalk (specific criteria used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to evaluate the Plan; and

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 promulgate the 2008 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan to be effective as of the date contained herein; and further order the following:

1. This Executive Order and Plan supersedes Executive Order 05-06 relative to adopting and promulgating the Guam Emergency Response Plan and Guam Hazard Mitigation, Executive Order 97-18 relative to establishing a Guam Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee and authorizing the Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Executive Order 91-09 relative to promulgating the Territory Emergency Plan;

2. All mitigation activities shall be in accordance with the Mitigation Strategy as developed and presented within this Plan; and
3. Further update to this Plan shall be coordinated via this plan's Plan Maintenance Process and coordinated via the Guam Hazard Mitigation Office and the Guam Mitigation Advisory Committee with the Office of Civil Defense; and

4. This Plan supersedes any previous Hazard Mitigation Plans and shall serve as Appendix A of the Guam Emergency Response Plan.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 22 day of April, 2008.

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FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga' Låhen Guahan
Governor of Guam

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