EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2008-1

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A 2008 GUAM ISLAND FAIR / 64th LIBERATION DAY ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GUAM ISLAND FAIR AND LIBERATION DAY CARNIVAL AND PARADE.

WHEREAS, Liberation Day commemorates the anniversary of America’s liberation of Guam from the Japanese occupation on July 21, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Before Guam was reclaimed and once again placed under American administration at the end of World War II, thousands of Chamorro, Americans and Japanese lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, Our people must never forget the sacrifices of the thousands of servicemen and Chamorro who suffered during the occupation and the fierce battle for the liberation of Guam; and

WHEREAS, This year as we commemorate the 64th anniversary of Guam’s liberation from Japanese occupation, our community remembers those who were killed and the upcoming generations of men and women who are in the armed forces, who continue to risk their lives to defend freedom and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, Liberation Day is not only a recognition of the anniversary of the liberation of Guam from Japanese occupation by American forces and the reestablishment of the U.S. military on Guam, but a celebration of the rich culture and history of our beautiful island and her people through the Guam Island Fair and the Liberation Day Carnival and Parade.

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, and the laws of Guam, do order as follows:

1. Creation and Appointment of the 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee. The “2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Guam Liberation Day organizational Committee” is created and its members are to be appointed by I Maga’lahen Guahan, Governor of Guam, pursuant to this Executive Order. Members are to be selected from a list of volunteers presented to the Governor. Members appointed to the 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Guam Liberation Day organizational Committee, shall, to the fullest extent possible, execute the duties and responsibilities assigned to them following the promulgation of this Executive Order and shall continue to do so, until the final report has been submitted.
2. **Organization.** The 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee is to be organized as a non-profit entity, and conducted pursuant to the laws of Guam for the public benefit and operated primarily for charitable or civic purposes. Members of the Committee may, at their discretion, further organize and associate themselves as permitted by the laws of Guam.

3. **Designated Meeting Place.** The government of Guam may provide a designated meeting place for the 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee. Activities of the Committee members shall conform to the requirements set forth by law.

4. **Duties of the Committee.** The 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day organizational Committee shall undertake all efforts to plan and make arrangements for the celebration of the Guam Island Fair and Liberation Day Carnival and Parade. The 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee shall name and oversee the progress of subcommittees tasked with various projects necessary for the commemoration of the anniversary of the liberation of Guam.

The 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee shall be considered an independent and separate entity from other entities, however named, previously tasked with the planning of the Guam Island Fair and/or Liberation Day Carnival and Parade. As such, the 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee shall not be responsible for any debts, obligations or liabilities of previous committees or entities. However, if funds are available the Chairperson, at his discretion, may pay debts incurred by previous committees.

5. **Distribution of the 2008 Guam Island Fair and Liberation Day Carnival Proceeds.** Up to one-half of all net proceeds of the 2008 Guam Island Fair and Liberation Day Carnival shall be placed in a separate account called the “Liberation Day Textbook Fund” and monies in this fund shall be used for the sole purpose of purchasing textbooks for Guam’s school children and shall augment funds appropriated by the government for such purposes.

All remaining proceeds shall be donated to a worthy public cause or causes as the Executive Committee of the 2008 Guam Island Fair / 64th Liberation Day Organizational Committee shall determine.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 20th day of JUNE 2008.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Mäga’ lăhen Guahan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Segundu Mäga’ Lăhen Gåðhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam