



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910
U.S.A.**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-07

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM NATURE ALLIANCE IN
PLACE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of every Guamanian depends on Guam's natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, wetlands, streams, rivers, estuaries, coral reefs, forests, and karst limestone formations are only some of the critical ecosystems that support Guam's unique flora and fauna, people, and island culture; and,

WHEREAS, these ecosystems and natural resources are interconnected and proper resource management can only be obtained through a community's active participation in efforts to protect these valuable resources; and

WHEREAS, protection of Guam's natural resources will only occur when residents comprehend the value of our natural resources as well as the issues that threaten them; and

WHEREAS, natural resources can be significantly degraded by seemingly small activities that greatly contribute to habitat degradation and long-term environmental harm and that many types of land, water, and ocean degradation and pollution can be significantly reduced through community education; and



WHEREAS, it has been demonstrated that community involvement in natural resource protection through environmental education and outreach efforts leads to both greater environmental protection and increased community pride; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to E.O. 2004-04, the Watershed Planning Committee's Environmental Education Subcommittee was created to address a comprehensive range of environmental and natural resource issues through the collaboration of local, federal and private sector partners; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Education Subcommittee has expanded over the years, evolving into a nationally award-winning environmental education group that provides a framework to coordinate a diverse range of education and awareness activities for Guam.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby order that:

(1) The Watershed Planning Committee Environmental Education Subcommittee shall henceforth be known as the Guam Nature Alliance (GNA).

(2) Participation by the following Government of Guam member agencies in the GNA is mandatory:

- Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Guam Coastal Management Program (BSP GCMP)
- Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources (DAWR)
- Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and Soil Resources (FSR)
- Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
- Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) and the Guam Energy Office (GEO)
- Guam Department of Education (DOE)
- Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA)
- University of Guam (UOG)
- Guam Community College (GCC)



The GNA will maintain a standing policy that membership by invitation for Federal Government agencies and community-based organizations, is encouraged:

- U.S. Air Force (USAF)
- U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Navy (USN)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
- Northern and Southern Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)

Partners from other interested organizations are also encouraged to participate and support GNA. Potential partners may include, but are not limited to:

- Island Beautification Task Force
- iRecycle
- Guam Power Authority
- Humatak Foundation
- Ayuda Foundation
- Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council
- Private sector partners

(3) The GNA shall be guided by a lead coordinator from Guam EPA and the subcommittee chairpersons. This group acts as the overall advisory council for the Committee and will act in accordance with the most recently adopted GNA Strategic Plan and the GNA Mission Statement. It is the mission of the GNA to instill environmental responsibility and pride, to perpetuate Chamorro culture, to increase scientific and environmental literacy, to support community environmental activities and publications, to retie people with the environment, and to provide facilitation between groups with similar agendas. To accomplish this mission, the member agencies of the GNA will regularly meet, interact, and communicate on the development of community activities based upon goals identified in the GNA's Strategic Plan.



(4) The GNA will develop a Comprehensive Environmental Education Plan (CEEP) to be incorporated into the Strategic Plan. The CEEP will serve as the programmatic basis for the planning of all educational outreach activities. The CEEP will address a comprehensive range of environmental and natural resource issues and will be submitted to the Administrator of Guam EPA no more than 180 days from the effective date of this order. A copy of the CEEP will be maintained in Guam EPA's files. It is further recommended that the GNA update the CEEP every two years.

(5) The GNA is comprised of three resource-focused groups that work in concert to protect Guam's natural resources: Tasi (Sea), Hanom (Freshwater), and Tano (Land). These three groups shall focus on their respective resource protection strategies to develop activities and outreach projects consistent with goals and objectives described in the CEEP. GNA will also create subcommittees as needed to focus on specific topics including, but not limited to, climate change, zero waste and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education.

(6) The GNA shall meet, at a minimum, once every quarter. Resource-focused groups shall meet, at a minimum, once every month.

(7) Whenever appropriate, the GNA will coordinate its activities with other committees and groups that focus on similar natural resource issues. These groups will include, but are not limited to, the Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee (CRICC).

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 28th day of March, 2014.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EDDIE BAZA CALVO".

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam