



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2014-11

**RELATIVE TO ADOPTING AND PROMULGATING THE UPDATED
2014 GUAM HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, because of its geographic location, Guam is under constant threat of certain natural disasters that are liable to cause mass casualties, injuries, loss of real property, and damage to our island's environment and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, while forces of nature cannot be prevented or altered, hazard mitigation measures can be taken to reduce the casualties, injuries, losses, and damage that will inevitably occur as a result of disasters; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2011-09, the Government of Guam created and adopted the 2011 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2011 Plan"), which was a comprehensive strategy that focused on mitigating and reducing Guam's exposure and vulnerability to natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, Guam relies both on technical and logistical assistance from federal partners during response and recovery operations during and after catastrophic events, making collaborative pre-planning efforts and partnerships between all parties a critical necessity; and

WHEREAS, under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and its regulations, all state hazard mitigation plans are required to be updated and re-approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) every three years; and



WHEREAS, the Government of Guam has updated the 2011 Plan to create the 2014 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2014 Plan"). The 2014 Plan demonstrates Guam's continued commitment to reducing the risk of losses from natural and man-made hazards and serves as a strategic planning guide for Guam's decision makers as they commit resources to reduce the effects of these hazards; and

WHEREAS, the updated 2014 Plan describes Guam's procedures for identifying hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities. It also identifies and prioritizes mitigation actions, encourages the ongoing development and effective implementation of Guam's specific mitigation strategies, and provides technical support for these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the updated 2014 Plan meets all the requirements of Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Section 409 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988. This includes meeting the requirement that the 2014 Plan be adopted by the Government of Guam and that it fulfill all compliance standards of the "Crosswalk," which is the name for the specific criteria developed by FEMA and utilized by communities throughout the nation to evaluate and approve their respective hazard mitigation plans.

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD J. B. CALVO, I Maga'lāhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby promulgate and adopt the 2014 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan to be effective as of the date set forth herein; and further ORDER the following:

1. This Executive Order and the attached 2014 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan shall supersede Executive Order No. 2011-09 and the 2011 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan;

2. All other mitigation activities by the appropriate entities and government agencies shall be in accordance with the Mitigation Strategy as developed and presented within the 2014 Plan; and



3. Any further updates to the 2014 Plan shall be coordinated via the established Plan Maintenance Process through the State Hazard Mitigation Officer with the Guam Homeland Security and Office of Civil Defense and the Guam Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee; and

4. The 2014 Plan also supersedes any previous Hazard Mitigation Plans purporting to address disaster recovery or rescue matters and shall be included as one of the appendices of the Guam Emergency Response Plan or the proposed Guam Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, as the case maybe.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this **25TH** day of July, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eddie Baza Calvo", is written over a horizontal line.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

I Maga'Låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

