EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 88-29

TO DESIGNATE A LEAD AGENCY FOR COORDINATING GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE 200-MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.

WHEREAS, Guam Public Law 15-114 proclaimed, for Guam, Jurisdictional Rights over the waters surrounding for a distance of 200 geographical miles; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 5030 of March 10, 1983, effectively removed resource jurisdictional rights within the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone from the international domain and redefined jurisdictional control as a domestic issue; and

WHEREAS, Article 10 of Guam's Draft Commonwealth Act states, "The Commonwealth shall exercise rights to determine the conditions, including pollution control, and terms of all scientific research, management, exploration and exploitation of all ocean resources and all sources of energy and prevention of pollution with the 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone, including pollution outside the zone that poses a threat within the zone"; and

WHEREAS, Guam's Exclusive Economic Zone has the potential for extensive deposits of mineral resources, technologically difficult, but potentially developable energy resources, mariculture resources; and, stands in imminent danger of both direct and indirect pollution; and

WHEREAS, all the various uses or potential uses of the natural resources within Guam's Exclusive Economic Zone require extensive planning, coordination and management in order to return the maximum benefit to the people of Guam and to protect the resources for further generations on Guam; and

WHEREAS, no single Government of Guam agency has the authorities or expertise to address all aspects of resource conservation and development; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 12-200, Section 62017 created the Bureau of Planning and delegated to that agency the function of developing and recommending territorial policies to foster and promote the improvement of planning activity and development quality;
NOW THEREFORE, I JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of Guam, by the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and by Section 62017 of the Government Code of Guam, as enacted by Public Law 12-200, hereby order as follows:

1. The Bureau of Planning is designated the lead agency for Exclusive Economic Zone matters for Guam. As such, the Bureau of Planning is to act as reviewing and coordinating agency for all EEZ activities and correspondence between the Government of Guam and all federal, regional or international agencies and organizations.

2. There is hereby created an Exclusive Economic Zone Policy Committee, as follows:

   a) The Lieutenant Governor of Guam shall act as Chairman;
   b) The Director of the Bureau of Planning shall act as Vice-Chairman;
   c) The Administrator of Guam Coastal Management Program shall serve as staff to the Committee;
   d) Committee members shall be the directors or heads of those agencies named by the Chairman, and other members of the community named by the Chairman;
   e) The Committee shall meet on a regular basis to define and recommend policies, relating to all EEZ resource matters, to the Governor.
   f) The Committee is to meet without pay or compensation.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED in Agana, Guam, this 5th day of October, 1988.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam