WHEREAS, the crime of arson presents a clear and present danger to the health and well-being of the people of Guam, through physical endangerment and the tremendous costs incurred; and

WHEREAS, the crime of arson has caused 1.5 million dollars in damage to homes, businesses and automobiles on Guam in the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Bureau, Investigation Unit of the Guam Fire Department is responsible for investigating and determining the origin and cause of all fires which occur on government and private properties within the Territory of Guam; and

WHEREAS, to combat the crime of arson, cooperation is also vitally necessary from civilian and military police authorities, insurance companies and the business and private communities to not only investigate and prosecute arson but to prevent arson from occurring.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

1. The establishment of the Guam Arson Task Force, to be composed of not more than 7 persons to be appointed by the Governor and who will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

2. Representation on the Guam Arson Task Force shall include, but not be limited to, members of:

   - The Guam Fire Department
   - The Guam Police Department
   - Anderson AFB Fire Department
   - NAS Fire Department
   - Attorney General/Prosecutor's Office
   - Guam Insurance Adjusters Association

   as well as any member of any private, civic or volunteer organization in the community whose particular concern is Arson.
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3. The Task Force shall be established to eliminate the crime of Arson within the Territory of Guam. This goal shall be accomplished through comprehensive professional investigations in coordination with effective public arson awareness education.

4. The Guam Arson Task Force shall be an ongoing task force to continue working towards this goal.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED in the City of Agana, Territory of Guam, on this 30TH day of AUGUST, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam