WHEREAS, the world community commemorates the Fifth Centennial of Christopher Columbus' vision - of a cosmos beyond the confines of a universe commonly held by Europeans at the end of the 15th century - that subsequently led him to explore and learn of places and peoples otherwise unknown to European mankind; and

WHEREAS, countries visited by the fifteenth century explorers from the Iberic peninsula and whose subsequent histories were marked by Hispanic culture and influences have formed National Commissions to undertake activities in observance of the Quincentennial; and

WHEREAS, at both the international and regional levels, participating nations have employed the opportunity of the Quincentennial to forge, on the basis of a common Hispanic legacy, close cooperation among themselves in matters of collective interest; and

WHEREAS, Guam, where Magellan landed in 1521 and which became a Spanish colony for over 300 years, will join in the commemoration of the Quincentennial through educational awareness programs, public observances, and regional coordination.

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. There shall be created the Guam Quincentennial Commission.

2. The members of the Commission, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Governor of Guam and shall serve at his pleasure.

3. This Order shall be effective immediately.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED in the City of Agana, this 10th day of April, 1991.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor