WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Territory of Guam to fortify all ongoing efforts to explore, preserve, and display the cultural and historical heritage of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for an effective intergovernmental mechanism to coordinate the preservation and study of historical and cultural objects and archives, and for the enjoyment and understanding of those articles by all of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, it is currently the mandate of the Department of Parks and Recreation to administer and protect historical objects and sites; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Planning and the Territorial Planning Council are mandated to prepare a comprehensive development plan to include cultural heritage preservation policy; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities is tasked with encouraging cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Territorial Librarian to oversee the Guam Museum and be the official depository and custodian of historical artifacts to be preserved and displayed; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Visitor's Bureau is charged with enhancing the traditions and cultures of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Micronesian Area Research Center is mandated to provide key personnel in the government policy making process with timely research, analysis and data, as well as to contribute to the availability of cultural, social, and intellectual programs for the community at large; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that a working committee be established in which there is representation from all of the above mentioned entities involved in cultural and historic preservation.

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 that:

1. The Cultural and Historical Working Committee is hereby created to be composed of representatives appointed by the respective agency directors from the following entities:
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2. The Cultural and Historical Working Committee is given the following duties and responsibilities:

A. The chairman of the committee shall be the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

B. The committee shall provide a forum for the exchange of information for the development and enhancement of rules, regulations, procedures and legislation that will enhance the objective of promoting Guam's cultural heritage.

C. The committee shall include as part of their goals research into upgrading Guam's Museum.

D. The committee shall have their first meeting no later than the last week of June with details to be set by the Chairman.

E. The committee shall finish their first draft of recommendations no later than December 31, 1991 and shall present such to the Office of the Governor.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this 11th day of June, 1991.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam