WHEREAS, the wetlands of Guam are natural habitats of high biological productivity and significant resource value; and

WHEREAS, wetlands are extremely fragile, limited in number and difficult to restore once damaged; and

WHEREAS, wetlands provide critical habitats for native plant and animal life including endangered and threatened species; and

WHEREAS, We must safeguard Guam’s fragile and precious natural resources including our wetlands, and those animal and plant species which require them for survival, so that future generations of our people may enjoy and benefit from these resources; and

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Executive Order 90-13 states, in part, that the appropriate land use agencies shall draft necessary rules and regulations in order to better manage and protect the wetlands of Guam; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain operating rules and regulations for the Protection of Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the people of Guam to promulgate interim guidelines to carry out the mandates of Executive Order 90-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby declare that:

The Wetland Rules and Regulations promulgated under Executive Order 78-21 shall stand in effect as interim guidelines until such time permanent rules and regulations are adopted and promulgated.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED this 12TH day of NOVEMBER, 1991.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam