

## TERRITORY OF GUAM

Office of the Governor Agaña, Guam 96910

U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92-28

## Relative to the Creation of the Coordination Committee for the Eradication of Melon Fly

WHEREAS,	in the past many people on Guam depended on subsistence agriculture; and
WHEREAS,	the full-scale development to commercial agriculture is impeded and jeopardized by external factors such as agricultural pests; and
WHEREAS,	the eradication of these pests is essential in order for Guam to be agriculturally self-sustaining and self-sufficient; and
WHEREAS,	the presence of pests in fruit and vegetable products, a contributing factor to Guam's exportation problems, prevents these products from being exported to foreign and neighboring markets; and
WHEREAS,	Guam has been infested with melon fly for over fifty years causing severe crop loss to farmers; and
WHEREAS,	projects to eradicate melon fly on Guam have not been successful or lacked continuity; and
WHEREAS,	for eradication projects to be effective throughout the Mariana Islands, coordination efforts must be firmly established with the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
WHEREAS,	the cooperation and valuable assistance for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of the Air Force, and U.S. Department of the Navy, is also vital for an effective and complete eradication of melon fly in the

- 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 establish a Coordination Committee for the Eradication of Melon Fly to be comprised of and to function as follows:
  - 1. The Coordination Committee will be comprised of Directors or representatives from the following entities:
    - a. Guam Department of Agriculture,
    - b. Agricultural Board of Commissioners,
    - c. College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, University of Guam,
    - d. Guam Environmental Protection Agency,
    - e. Guam Department of Commerce
  - 2. The Coordination Committee may include upon request, representatives from the following:
    - a. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil and Conservation Service
    - b. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
    - c. U.S. Navy, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas and
    - d. U.S. Air Force.

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- 3. The Director of Agriculture shall be the Chairperson of the Committee.
- 4. The functions of the Committee shall include, but and not limited to, the following:
  - a. Develop and implement a melon fly eradication plan;
  - b. seek input and assistance from, or coordinate through cooperative arrangements with, similar committees outside the Territory such as the CNMI Steering Committee of the Mariana Melon Fly Eradication Program;
  - c. solicit comments or assistance from other entities knowledgeable on similar eradication efforts/project;
  - d. oversee the melon fly eradication project; and
  - e. perform other functions necessary to carry out the intent of this Executive Order.
- 5. The Committee shall meet whenever necessary.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this \_\_\_\_8th day of \_October1992.

JOSEPH F. ADA Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS

Lieutenant Governor of Guam