EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 94-04

Establishment of Guam’s Earthquake Advisory Council for Earthquake Safety

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Territory of Guam became a member of the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP); and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Guam, as a member of the NEHRP, must strengthen its coordination to create a more unified approach to the reduction of earthquake hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of Guam has been classified as a high risk earthquake region by the National Hazard Earthquake Reduction Program and is categorized as a Code 3 Earthquake area under the Uniform Building Code; and

WHEREAS, all agencies of government have substantial responsibilities to earthquake preparedness and earthquake safety; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide a consistent policy framework and means for continuing coordination of the governmental programs and activities with those in the private and business sectors; and

WHEREAS, a long-term commitment is needed to increase earthquake awareness, education and safety; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue and consistently manage the necessary programs to mitigate earthquake hazards, it is necessary that the Government of Guam, along with other businesses and private sectors, consistently promote Guam’s Earthquake Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK F. BLAS, Acting 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 the following:

1. There is hereby created the Earthquake Seismic Advisory Council for the Territory of Guam, composed of members appointed by the Governor to serve as his pleasure, to provide policy, guidance and direction for the implementation of an earthquake related strategy for the welfare of the people of Guam.
2. The Guam Earthquake Seismic Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") shall coordinate, inform, advise, and make recommendations to the Governor on matters pertaining to the Territorial Earthquake Program.

3. The Guam Earthquake Seismic Advisory Council may:
   
a. appoint advisory committees from interested public and private groups,
   
b. obtain any professional services and research required by the Council or required for the performance of necessary work and services which, in the Council's opinion, cannot satisfactorily be performed by its officers or committees,
   
c. enter into cooperative agreements with government agencies and private non-profit scientific, educational, professional associations, or foundations engaged in activities related to earthquake safety in the Territory of Guam,
   
d. request agencies to device criteria to assist in promoting earthquake safety,
   
e. make recommendations to program changes to government and business sectors where such changes would improve earthquake safety,
   
f. review the recovery and reconstruction efforts after damaging earthquakes,
   
g. analyze and disseminate information to respective individuals, groups and agencies having jurisdiction over earthquake safety programs,
   
h. encourage research, or
   
i. sponsor training to be held to improve the competence of specialized enforcement and other technical personnel.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this 21st day of April, 1994.

FRANK F. BLAS
Governor of Guam, Acting

COUNTERSIGNED:

HERMINIA D. DIERKING
Lieutenant Governor of Guam, Acting