ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1996 SEVENTH FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS ("FESTPAC") AND DESIGNATING THE GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AGENCY AS THE LEAD AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the indigenous cultures of the South Pacific: Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia, and the continent of Australia, along with the islands of the Torres Strait, have come together for the past twenty-four years in the celebration of the Festival of Pacific Arts; and

WHEREAS, as a demonstration of the continuing vitality and distinction of the Chamorro traditions, the people of the territory of Guam have participated in the past festivals, displaying their heritage in traditional art forms of dance, song, music, displays of craft and other visual presentations; and

WHEREAS, the exhibition or portrayal of Guam's artisans in previous Festivals of Pacific Arts has promoted Guam's culture among participating countries and instilled an increased pride of Chamorro culture; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event, which is recognized internationally, is celebrated every fourth year in a different host island, the seventh to be held in Western Samoa; the FESTPAC Working Group is composed of four island nations, including the host nation Western Samoa, Cook Islands, Guam and New Caledonia; and

WHEREAS, in order to organize a comprehensive display of Guam's visual and performing arts and crafts at the forthcoming 1996 Seventh Festival of Pacific Arts, and in view of the aims and focus of our efforts towards cultural preservation, honoring the customs of the Chamorro and promoting the proud Chamorro heritage, there exists the need to establish the task force which will plan and coordinate Guam's participation at next year's festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act and the laws of Guam, do hereby:
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1. Create the 1996 Task Force for the Seventh Festival of Pacific Arts;

2. Designate the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (GCAHA) as the lead agency for Guam's participation in the Festival;

3. Designate that the official members of the task force shall be representatives from GCAHA, Guam Visitor's Bureau, the Office of the Governor, and also shall represent visual artists, performing artists and the Community at Large.

4. Designate that the ex-officio, advisory members of the task force shall be representative of Guam's political status, and representative of Guam's historic, cultural, language, media, medical, and artistic prospective.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 22nd day of March, 1995.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

TED S. NELSON
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam