EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95-19

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO PURCHASE AMBULANCES FOR THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the Guam Fire Department is currently plagued with a situation where they have 5 to 6 operating ambulances, however for the size of the territory it is necessary to have 7 ambulances operational at all times; and

WHEREAS, due to even minor mechanical failures, there are days when there may only be 3 or 4 ambulances that can be driven on Guam’s roads, and there are only 2 ambulances that are 4-wheel drive vehicles that can access many areas of the island; and

WHEREAS, due to the heavy usage, Guam’s ambulances usually last only 2-3 years, whereas in other areas an ambulance may last as long as 4 or 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the current budget of the Guam Fire Department does not contain funding for purchasing new ambulances, and the people of Guam are in a situation where it is difficult for the Guam Fire Department to respond to all medical emergencies and other needs requiring ambulances; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to place orders immediately in order to have adequate operational ambulances to respond to the medical emergencies and needs of the people of the territory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam by virtue of the authority vest in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby order the following:

1) Pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing Emergency Procurement upon Executive Order, the Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research is authorized to transfer to the Guam Fire Department an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) from outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for immediate procurement to order as many ambulances as this funding will accommodate, which will be approximately 3 to 4 ambulances.
2) The authorization for the certification, approval, and expenditure of necessary funds pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, shall be this Executive Order, subject only to the exhaustion of identified funds. Any funds not so expended shall revert to the General Fund.

3) Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of ambulances, and supplies to outfit the ambulances, for the Guam Fire Department.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 25th day of September, 1995.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam