EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95-27

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO RECRUIT FIVE (5) PERSONNEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO ASSIST IN THE “WAR ON ICE”.

WHEREAS, the Governor has formed the Guam Crime Commission and the First Lady has formed a Task Force, both to combat the use of the drug methamphetamine, commonly known as “ice”; and

WHEREAS, the use of “ice” has been increasing, and sadly, there has been an increase on Guam in severe social ills and deaths from use of this dangerous drug; and

WHEREAS, Guam Telephone Authority, Guam Power Authority, and other departments and agencies of the government of Guam have been administering drug detection tests, in order to detect the presence of the use of drugs by employees of these organizations; and

WHEREAS, there is an overwhelming number of new clients now under treatment or rehabilitation at the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the resources of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse need to be increased in order to adequately respond to the drug testing programs which are in place and which will be in place in the future; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse needs to place on board immediately 2 Chemical Dependency Specialists, 2 Psychiatric Technicians, and 1 Licensed Practical Nurse;

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 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) from outstanding
appropriations within the General Fund for immediate procurement to start recruiting 2 Chemical Dependency Specialists, 2 Psychiatric Technicians, and 1 Licensed Practical Nurse to work in the outpatient treatment program for substance abuse, especially those addicted to "ice".

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: hiring 2 Chemical Dependency Specialists, 2 Psychiatric Technicians, and 1 Licensed Practical Nurse, and associated salaries and benefits, and all costs of operations (contractual services, supplies and materials, utilities, and so forth) associated with the hiring of these new personnel.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 20th day of November, 1995.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam