



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-50**

DECLARING ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES CLOSED ON DECEMBER 26, 1997 AND THEIR EMPLOYEES EXCUSED FROM DUTY, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HEADS.

WHEREAS, President William J. Clinton issued Executive Order 13068 excusing all executive departments and agencies employees from duty on Friday, December 26, 1997 and the government of Guam patterns its days off to mirror days off from work specified by the federal government for federal government employees, with an addition of certain locally specified days off; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Christmas holiday, December 25, 1997, falls on a Thursday and only a small volume of routine government business would be conducted on the day after Christmas; and


WHEREAS, providing December 26, 1997 as a day excused from work will serve both the interests of the people of Guam by keeping essential services in place, while at the same time stimulating economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam announced that the courts of Guam will be closed on December 26, 1997;

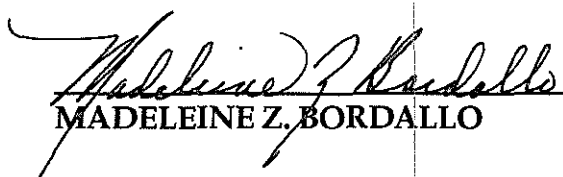
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby order the following:

- 1) All executive branch departments, agencies, instrumentalities, authorities, corporations, or parts thereof, shall be closed and their employees excused from duty on Friday, December 26, 1997, the day following Christmas.
- 2) Only basic and critical public health, safety, or welfare functions of departments, agencies, instrumentalities, authorities, corporations, or parts thereof, must remain open on December 26, 1997.
- 3) That employees who must work on Friday, December 26, 1997, will be compensated for holiday pay or must be provided a day off.
- 4) For payroll purposes, Friday, December 26, 1997, shall be treated like any other legal holiday.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam this 19th day of December, 1997.

  
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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

  
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MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO