EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98-9

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A GUAM CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, Spain ceded Guam to the United States of America at the end of the Spanish-American War in 1898; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish had a strong cultural presence in Guam for more than 300 years, and thereafter, for the past 100 years from 1898 to 1998, the Americans have had a strong cultural presence on Guam, contributing to many historical events and cultural exchanges over the years; and

WHEREAS, we are now beginning a year long celebration of our rich culture and history of our beautiful island and her people; and

WHEREAS, the centennial year of the end of the Spanish-American war brings to mind the many historical events that have taken place over the past 100 years on Guam and in other areas of the world experiencing the same centennial;

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 order:

1. **Creation and membership of Centennial Task Force.** The "Guam Centennial Task Force" is created, consisting of the following members, to be appointed by the Governor:

   a) The Lieutenant Governor, who shall be the Chair of the task force;

   b) The Archbishop, Archdiocese of Agana, who shall be the Vice-Chair of the task force;

   c) Two (2) representative, Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center of the University of Guam;

   d) Executive Director, Chamorro Heritage Institute Planning Group;

   e) Director, Guam Museum;

   f) Director, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency;

   g) One (1) representative, Guam Board of Education;

   h) Invited to participate, representative of Philippine Consul on Guam;

   i) One (1) representative, Filipino Community of Guam;
j) One (1) representative, Guam's business community;

k) One (1) member, community-at-large;

l) Two (2) members of the Legislature appointed by the Speaker, One (1) from the Minority and One (1) from the Majority; and

2. **Administrative support.** The Office of the Governor shall provide administrative support as necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Executive Order; and

3. **Duties of the task force.** The Guam Centennial Task Force shall undertake all efforts to accurately and informatively portray the past 100 years of Guam's history through conferences, public events, public information campaign, essay contest, and sports activities. The Centennial Task Force shall name and oversee the progress of subcommittees tasked with various projects necessary for commemoration;

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 13th day of February, 1998.

_COUNTERSIGNED:_

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam