WHEREAS, human beings are endowed with qualities of spirit and mind, and the potential of these qualities enables the human race to fulfill its purpose in continuing to advance as a civilized society; and

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility to encourage the collective realization of our children's potential; this responsibility compels us as a community to adopt far reaching transformative change into the process of educating the children of our island so that they are prepared to interact and network in a world that has become increasing interconnected; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal for the island's schools is to provide students with the opportunity to become responsible citizens, to contribute to their own economic well-being as well as that of their families and their community, and to enjoy productive, satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, schools exist to provide students the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills necessary in life: to apply the concepts and principles of mathematics, and social, physical and life sciences to communicate; to think analytically, logically and creatively; to integrate experience and knowledge into reasoned judgments; to solve problems; to understand the importance of work, which is that effort, performance and decisions directly affect an individual's future and the future of one's community; and

WHEREAS, a group of citizens committed to these ideas and ideals is needed to bring community action into our island's education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, 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) That a "Community Task Force on Education" is created, consisting of members of the community, parents and non-parents, both within the public and private sectors.

2) That the Community Task Force on Education has an operational mandate that includes three key missions:

   (a) Develop and implement reform in the decision-making process within the organizational structure of the Department of Education.

   (b) Develop a school-based organization that is congruent with the values and ideas of decentralization.
(c) Develop strategic action that will utilize the ideas and values of Goals 2000.

3) The Community Task Force on Education shall meet as often as necessary to address the goals to be met and shall submit an action plan to the Governor within Forty-five (45) days and a final report within Ninety (90) days of this Executive Order.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 5th day of May, 1999.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Magå'lahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

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