EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 99-18

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, TO EXTEND THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES FOR CELEBRATING THE FEDERAL HOLIDAY TO INCLUDE THE CARRYING OUT THE UNFINISHED AGENDA OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 85-14 created a Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday committee whose duties were to encourage and study appropriate ceremonies and activities to observe the Federal legal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, every year since the institution of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the committee has prepared fitting activities to honor the legacy of this great man; and

WHEREAS, there have been changes in federal law concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr. commission, and the activities of this commission are to be broadened from honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. to also include the planning, encouraging, coordinating programs and activities to carry out the unfinished agenda of Martin Luther King, Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahe Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission is hereby established; this commission shall consist of volunteers whose initial purpose is to design programs, activities, talk forums, and cultural events that invite interracial, intergenerational, and inter-cultural participation as a means of cultivating purposeful agendas that create harmonious friendly relationships.

2. The Commission may also establish a Big Brothers and Big Sisters Volunteer Committee, with a program entitled: VOICES AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND VIOLENCE.

3. The Commissioners shall advocate for Peace, Equity, and Justice in the workplace, the community, and the home in an effort to reduce violence, abuse, and oppression and to improve the quality of life for self and others.

4. The Commission shall consist of One (1) Executive Director and Thirteen (13) appointed Co-Chairpersons responsible for planning, coordinating, and carrying out the duties of the programs.
Additionally, an unlimited number of volunteers shall assist the Co-Chairpersons in achieving their program mission.

5. The Commission shall continue to exist until changed or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 23rd day of December, 1999.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'Łahen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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