

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2015-03

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE CONDITIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITIES AND OVERCROWDING, AND TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN TO GUIDE THE OVERALL CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ITS PRISON SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a performance audit entitled "Department of Corrections Prison Capacity Planning" (OPA Report No. 14-06) was transmitted from the Office of the Public Auditor to the Governor's Office on December 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the audit raised concerns with facilities and overcrowding issues at the Department of Corrections (DOC) which require a multi-agency approach and solutions developed by the three branches of government, elected offices, and public safety agencies; and

WHEREAS, the audit further states that DOC is operating above the Adult Correctional Facility (ACF)'s operational capacity by 192% as of December 2013, with an overall population of 706 prisoners; and

WHEREAS, a multi-branch solution is required to address current conditions and future growth of the prison system, as well as potentially reduce the detainee population; and



WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Corrections has requested that a Department of Corrections Blue Ribbon Commission be established to provide a forum for these concerns to be addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

- 1. An established Department of Corrections Blue Ribbon Commission to provide a multi-branch task-force for the purpose of assessing the current conditions related to facilities and overcrowding at the Department of Corrections;
- 2. The DOC Blue Ribbon Commission to develop a well-documented multi-branch management strategy as a result of its assessment of its current facility and shall outline this solution in a strategic master plan to guide the overall construction and development of the prison system. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, providing recommendations for short and long-term measures to accommodate the existing DOC population and future growth, and providing recommendations to the Governor of Guam, the Speaker of the Legislature, and the Chief Justice on how to collectively resolve capacity issues at DOC. The multi-faceted approach should include recommendations on the reduction of population, and where possible, in addition to facility upgrades and expansion plans;
- 3. The DOC Blue Ribbon Commission shall be chaired by the Governor of Guam or his designee and shall consist of:
 - a. The Governor of Guam or his designee;
 - b. The Speaker of the Guam Legislature or her designee;
 - c. The Attorney General of Guam or her designee;
 - d. The Public Auditor or her designee;
 - e. Director, Department of Corrections;
 - f. The Chief of Police;
 - g. Homeland Security Advisor, Guam Homeland Security;
 - h. Executive Director, Mayors' Council of Guam; and
 - i. A member of the public to be appointed by the Governor



4. Within 60 days of its first meeting, the DOC Blue Ribbon Commission shall submit a report to the Governor of Guam outlining the necessary timeline to provide a final report, as well as a strategic master plan.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this **28th** day of January, 2015.



EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam