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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2015-13

RELATIVE TO THE CONTROL OF THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) is the only public hospital serving the residents of Guam. In addition, it has served as the regional hospital of Micronesia for decades;

WHEREAS, GMHA, as a public hospital, is required to render care or medical treatment to any individual that comes to their facility regardless of their ability to pay;

WHEREAS, over the years GMHA's revenue has been insufficient to cover its cost of operation, thus the Government of Guam subsidizes a large portion of GMHA finances to sustain the hospital operations;

WHEREAS, currently GMHA's finances have reached a critical point and vendors have threatened to withhold crucial supplies that are needed in the course of daily operations unless outstanding invoices are paid;

WHEREAS, the governance and control of GMHA is vested in its Board of Trustees pursuant to local statute § 80105(a), Chapter 80, Title 10 G.C.A.;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2015, **three (3)** members of the Board of Trustees tendered their resignations to the Governor, thus leaving the Board without sufficient members to establish a quorum for a regular board meeting;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety, health and welfare, it is incumbent upon the Governor pursuant to subchapter 2, § 1422, Organic Act of Guam, to invoke his power to step in and act as a temporary steward in place of the Board of Trustees, pending confirmation by the Legislature of those nominees appointed to replace the members of the Board who resigned on December 10, 2015;

NOW, THERFORE, I EDDIE BAZA CALVO, ***I Maga' Låhen Guåhan,*** **Governor of Guam,** by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby order:

1. Swift and immediate action be taken to assist the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority;

2. That a management advisory team, comprised of top finance, management and technology professionals within the government shall be formed and assigned to examine hospital operations and develop recommendations to address challenges and areas of weakness; and

3. That the Governor of Guam will temporarily assume the authority of the Board of Trustees to ensure the continued leadership of the hospital pending approval and confirmation by the Guam Legislature of the nominees appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 17th day of December, 2015.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam