



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
U.S.A.**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-02

**RELATIVE TO A COMPLETE TRANSFER OF THE
CHAMORRO VILLAGE (*Y SENGSONG CHAMORRO*) TO
THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 50, Title 12 GCA established the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) to be a catalyst in the economic development of Guam by aiding private businesses and supporting government economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Chamorro Village (*Y Sengsong Chamorro*) was established to be an incubator aimed at promoting the growth of local small business with a focus on local and cultural products and services; and

WHEREAS, the promulgation of Executive Order No. 2002-14 and the enactment of Guam Public Law 28-06 placed the Chamorro Village under the supervision of the Department of Chamorro Affairs (DCA); and

WHEREAS, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated Section 87103 provides that DCA's primary purpose is "to assist in the implementation of an integrated program for the preservation, development and promotion of the Chamorro Heritage of Guam"; and

WHEREAS, although well intentioned, the placement of the Chamorro Village under DCA has not been to the mutual benefit to either DCA or the Chamorro Village itself, has not maximized promotion of locally-produced products, and the Chamorro Village finds itself in need of real property management and business marketing assistance; and



WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Governor under Section 1422c(c) of the Organic Act of Guam to examine from time to time the structure of the Executive Branch and determine and effect such changes as are necessary to promote effective management; and

WHEREAS, the Chamorro Village can be more effectively managed and operated if completely transferred to GEDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 as follows:

1. The Department of Chamorro Affairs and the Guam Economic Development Authority *shall* take all necessary steps to completely transfer the Chamorro Village to GEDA. Upon completion, the management and administration of the Chamorro Village *shall* be under the authority of GEDA.
2. All personnel, duties and responsibilities of the Chamorro Village, following promulgation of this Executive Order, *shall* fall under the authority and supervision of GEDA.
3. This Executive Order is not intended to directly or indirectly remove, harm or diminish any protections, afforded by law, to the employees of the Chamorro Village. Nor does this Executive Order create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against Guam, its departments, agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees or any other person.
4. This Executive Order is not intended to and *shall* not abrogate DCA's role in preserving Chamorro culture and heritage in the Chamorro Village, and the current rules and regulations of the Chamorro Village shall remain in force until amended or altered pursuant to legislation or the Administrative Adjudication Law.



5. Any prior Executive Order heretofore promulgated that is in conflict with this Executive Order is hereby repealed insofar as any conflict is concerned.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 14th day of February 2017.




EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam