EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-02

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE CURRENT REGULATIONS FOR SHOOTING GALLERIES.

WHEREAS, Guam continues to be committed to the safety and welfare of visitors and the general public; and

WHEREAS, a multitude of tourists travel to Guam to participate in gun shooting clubs and the Guam Visitors Bureau has received many inquiries from Japan travel partners about the safety of Guam's gun shooting clubs; and

WHEREAS, the recent shooting tragedy at a shooting gallery in the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands and the recent fire at an indoor rifle and pistol range in Pusan, Korea caused travel cancellations in both locations due to safety concerns about these destinations; and

WHEREAS, the island's residents and the travel industry need to be assured that Guam's existing shooting gallery laws and the shooting galleries regulated by them do not create an unreasonable risk to the public at large or the patrons of the shooting galleries. In order to make such a determination, the existing shooting galleries laws and the practices of shooting galleries including but not limited to potential occupational hazards, handling of firearms, shooting clubs floor plans, ammunition storage, qualifications of gun shooting club employees, and regulation of gun shooting club business licenses should be reviewed and addressed; and

WHEREAS, Guam strives to be proactive in preventing any potential tragedy to the people of Guam and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, current regulations need to be reviewed and possibly updated for the public's safety and to uphold the island's reputation as a safe and enjoyable tourist destination; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue and Taxation is vested with rule-making authority for the formulation of regulations for shooting galleries. 10 G.C.A. §60105.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Mga Lahan Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act, as amended, do order as follows:

1. The creation of the Shooting Galleries Review Task Force;

2. The designation of the Attorney General's Office as the lead agency for Shooting Galleries Review Task Force;

3. Official members of the Task Force shall be designated representatives from Department of Revenue & Taxation, Office of the Attorney General, Guam Police Department, Guam Fire Department, Guam Department of Labor, Guam Visitors Bureau and the Office of the Governor;

4. The task force shall also solicit advice and recommendations from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Occupational Safety and Health...
Administration, the Japan Guam Travel Association, Shooting Gallery owners and the Community at Large; and

5. The function of the Task Force shall be to review existing gun shooting club statues and regulations and recommend amendments to the statues or regulations to improve safety standards for patrons, employees, and the general public.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 21st day of January 2010.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Mga Laken Guåhan
Governor of Guam