RELATIVE TO CREATING A MULTI-AGENCY ADVISORY GROUP TO ASSIST THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC) is responsible for the disposition of Chamorro Homelands, (public lands) and pursuant to its mandates must advance the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the Chamorro people; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned mandates shall be achieved through an economic assistance program and the distribution of residential, agricultural, and commercial lands; and

WHEREAS, the CLTC is committed to a program of activities which are necessary to assist and inform the Chamorro community in obtaining the maximum utilization of CLTC lands, including the development of lands for their highest and best use, in all phases of leasing and licensing; and

WHEREAS, since its inception nearly fifteen years ago, the CLTC has faced significant challenges in meeting its statutory mandates because it has been severely underfunded, undermanned, and undertrained; and

WHEREAS, due to these strains the CLTC is struggling with key issues including, but not limited to, an absence of a complete inventory of its land holdings, a lack of staff members with the required skills and expertise to fulfill its mission and mandates, and a multitude of homes and other structures constructed on CLTC property without proper planning or authorization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D., I Maga’Lahen Guahan para pa’go, Acting Governor of Guahan, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guahan, as amended, do order:

1. The creation of a Multi-Agency Advisory Group to CLTC.

2. The official members of the Advisory Group shall be designated senior officials from the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, the Department of Land Management, the University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Revenue and Taxation, the Department of Public Works, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Department of Administration, the Bureau of Budget & Management Research and any other agency or private group the CLTC Administrative Director deems beneficial in aiding the CLTC.
3. The Advisory Group shall from a subcommittee to develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to set protocols and pilot the development of targeted blocks of CLTC land, including assessment and registration, the subdivision of parcels, the surveying of easements, lease screening, award, and tax registration.

   a. The subcommittee shall include membership from: CLTC, Department of Land Management, University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Department of Revenue and Taxation and a representative of the PEALS board.

   b. The subcommittee shall identify the manpower skills needed on a multi-disciplinary team (or where appropriate bid for contract) and the annual cost of hiring these skills or resources needed on loan from existing line agencies.

   c. The subcommittee shall prepare a budget to implement this initiative for possible submission to the legislature.

4. The Advisory Group shall develop a plan to best prioritize CLTC lots for inventory and environmental assessment, as well as, their highest utility and best use; all while considering land characteristics, as well as, economic, and social issues.

5. The Advisory Group shall form multi-agency subcommittees to develop protocols for addressing structures constructed on CLTC property without proper permitting authorization.

   a. The subcommittee shall include membership form: CLTC, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Health and Social Services, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, and University of Guam Cooperative Extension Service.

6. The CLTC, University of Guam Cooperative Extensive Service and Department of Agriculture shall immediately develop a three year MOA to continue the work of the Multi-Agency Compliance Assessment team to begin in May 2010, the end of the current MOA.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guahan this 10th day of March, 2010.

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
Acting Governor of Guahan

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