EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010-16

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND EMERGENCY EXPENSES RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENSE IN COORDINATION WITH THE VARIOUS RESPONDING DEPARTMENT AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT DUE TO AN UNDERGROUND SEATED FIRE NEAR CHALAN IFIL, YIGO.

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of Guahan was notified of an underground seated fire burning at an illegal dumpsite on private property; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeland Security and Civil Defense of Guahan had been advised by the Fire Department, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Works that the fire poses an environmental hazard and that the government’s resources to extinguish the fire have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the government is now in dire need of funds and resources to pay for heavy equipment, environmental studies, temporary housing, basic equipment and rental, supplies, personnel overtime costs, and other response and recovery expenses that will be borne in order to get the recovery process underway and to ensure that the basic needs of the people are met; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency have been informed of current activities related to the response and recovery from potential disaster situations and is awaiting further advisement to assist the government with its preliminary damage assessments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Maga’Lahen Guahan, Governor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act, as amended, do order:

1. Declaration of State of Emergency. A state of emergency is hereby declared for the island of Guahan as a result of the fire near Chalan Ifil, Yigo.

2. Reporting Requirement. As much as possible, initial reports on preliminary damage assessments and expenses are due from all departments and agencies within Twenty-four (24) hours from the date of this Executive Order.

3. Emergency procurement and emergency expenses. Pursuant to 5 G.C.A. § 5215, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, and pursuant to 5 G.C.A. §
22402, authorizing an amount up to $250,000.00 from General Fund appropriations for the Executive Branch for emergency expenses, this Executive Order shall authorize emergency procurement for overtime from 3:00 pm, May 11, 2010 to June 11, 2010 or until the operation is completed, unless further renewed by the Governor, heavy equipment rental, supplies and materials, and lodging for displaced residents.

4. **Activation of the Guam National Guard and duties.** The Guam National Guard to include the 94th Civil Support Team is hereby activated as of 4:00 p.m., May 12, 2010 for a maximum of seven (7) days, unless extended by a subsequent executive order. The activation is to include Army and Air elements. The activated units or members are directed to render all necessary assistance in providing services relative to responding to the underground seated fire in Chalan Ifil, Yigo as well as prevent, forestall, or combat the effects of the emergency situation. The services provided in response to this Executive Order and the command and control of the command units are the sole responsibility of the Guam National Guard military commander subject to the statutory control of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief.

5. **Documentation of expenses.** All departments and agencies are hereby instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approved by the President of the United States to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or possible claims against third parties.

6. **Purpose of emergency procurement and expenditure of funds.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any goods and services provided by the Office of Homeland Security and Civil Defense as the lead agency in the provision of goods and services relative to the response and recovery from the fire; and continuing for Thirty (30) days after the date of this Executive Order as provided in § 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guahan this 14th day of May, 2010.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga’ iåhen Guahan
Governor of Guahan

COUNTERSIGNED:
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Lieutenant Governor of Guahan