

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78-29

WHEREAS, the Chamorro Language Commission has been working diligently on the adoption of an official Chamorro orthography and rules pertaining thereto; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 78-26 issued on September 8, 1978 adopted the "Chamorro Orthography and Rules" presented by the Chamorro Language Commission; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of said orthography, community leaders and ordinary citizens alike have requested of the Governor that the said "Chamorro Orthography and Rules" be discussed more widely with the general citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Governor desires that every citizen who wishes to review, discuss and be heard on the subject be afforded ample opportunity to participate through public hearings and other means deemed appropriate by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICARDO J. BORDALLO, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, hereby order that:

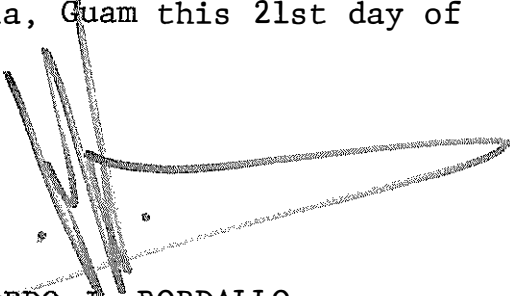
- (1) Executive Order No. 78-26 issued on September 8, 1978 is hereby rescinded;
- (2) the Chamorro Language Commission hold a series of public hearings on the completed orthography and rules; such hearings to be conducted in all villages at least once and in such other places on Guam and the Northern Marianas as the Commission deemed appropriate;

(3) the Chamorro Language Commission is hereby directed to consult with all educational institutions and school systems, both private and public, on the impact of the new orthography and its rules, and to recommend an implementation schedule thereof;

(4) the Chamorro Language Commission adopt such Orthography and Rules pertaining thereto as the Commission may find appropriate following the public hearings and to present them to the Governor for review no later than one (1) year from the date of this Executive Order.


It is hereby further ordered that no spelling or rules shall be adopted which shall change the current spelling of names of persons, unless the person or persons opted to do so; nor the names of places unless otherwise provided by law.

Signed and promulgated at Agana, Guam this 21st day of September, 1978.



RICARDO J. BORDALLO  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



RUDOLPH G. SABLAN  
Lieutenant Governor