GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.: 81-01

WHEREAS, dental caries is one of the most prevalent diseases on Guam, affecting 98% of the children; and

WHEREAS, overwhelming scientific evidence and long-term clinical experience shows that tooth decay can be reduced by as much as 73% if children begin drinking fluoridated water at an early age and that these benefits carry over into their adult years; and

WHEREAS, fluoridation of community water supplies has been proven safe, effective and economical; and

WHEREAS, the United States Public Health Service and such other organizations as the American Dental Association and the American Medical Association have long given their support to water fluoridation;

THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, I hereby direct the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services to explore all possibilities which promise the greatest success in the control of dental caries in our children. These procedures will be accomplished in accordance with the methods prescribed by the Director of the Department of Public Health and Social Services and the United States Public Health Service.

Signed at Agana, Guam this 1ST day of MAY, 1981.

SEPH F.

Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS, Acting Lieutenant Governor