ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM VISA WAIVER COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Public Law 98-454, as enacted by Congress, amended the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 602 of Public Law 98-454 amended Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, providing for a visa waiver for non-immigrant visitors for business or pleasure; and

WHEREAS, the requirement for a visa may be waived by the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of the Interior acting jointly; and

WHEREAS, admission of a non-immigrant visitor for business or pleasure shall be limited to a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days; and

WHEREAS, Guam is statutorily mandated to develop an adequate arrival and departure control system; and

WHEREAS, issuance of a waiver shall not pose a threat to the welfare, safety or security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a Guam visa waiver is contingent upon the promulgation of an arrival and departure control system,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICARDO J. BORDALLO, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, and Public Law 98-454 as enacted by the United States Congress do hereby order as follows:

1. The establishment of a "Visa Waiver Committee" of the Governor's Office which are composed of the Legal Counsel, and a staff assistant to the Governor, the Manager of the Guam Airport Authority, the Manager of the Port Authority of Guam, a representative from the United States Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services, and a representative from the Consular Corps of Guam. The Legal Counsel to the Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Committee and shall preside at all meetings of the Committee.
2. That the Visa Waiver Committee be vested the authority to promulgate proposed rules and regulations, relative to the eligibility of a visa waiver, appropriate documentation requirements for entry, systematic arrival and departure control system, and other pertinent regulations necessary to assure the safety and security of the United States Government.

3. That the Visa Waiver Committee be authorized to request any Director or employee within the Department, Agency or instrumentality of the Government of Guam to appear before the Committee for the purpose of providing staff support, logistics, data or other pertinent information, relative to the purposes of the Committee.

4. That the Visa Waiver Committee be authorized to employ any professional consultant, or independent expert, or other personnel for the purpose of providing professional and technical assistance in the development of a systematic arrival and departure control system.

5. All Departments, Agencies or instrumentalities of the Government of Guam render full cooperation and assistance upon request by the Governor's Visa Waiver Committee.

Signed and promulgated at Agana, Guam this 5th day of December, 1984.

RICARDO A. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

EDWARD D. REYES
Lieutenant Governor of Guam