GOVERNMENT OF GUAM Office of the Governor Agana, Guam

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61-10

WHEREAS, Section 9(a) of the Organic Act of Guam provides that opportunities for higher education shall be provided to qualified persons of Guamanian ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Section 29(b) of the Organic Act of Guam requires the Governor to provide an adequate system of public education and to establish such schools in Guam as may be necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto the Territorial College of Guam, subsequently designated the College of Guam by Public Law 5-112, was established as a two-year institution of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the College of Guam has played an important part in the development of the territory, in that it affords residents of Guam the opportunity to obtain a degree of higher education; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the contribution of the College of Guam, it is still necessary for candidates for a baccalaureate degree to leave Guam for study in a four-year college elsewhere, the cost of which is prohibitive for many capable and deserving students; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the inability of residents of Guam to obtain the full benefits of advanced education in Guam, their opportunities have been limited and the progress of the territory slower than would otherwise be the case; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Education, with the approval of the Board of Education, has recommended that the College be authorized to expand its curriculum to provide for the granting of a four-year, baccalaureate degree.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 6(b) of the Organic Act of Guam, it is hereby ordered as follows:

- a two-year institution of higher education, is hereby established as a four-year college, with authority, upon establishment of the necessary standards and curriculums in accord with law and this Order, to confer upon students who complete the prescribed courses of study, appropriate baccalaureate degrees.
- 2. The Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations for:
 - (a) The determination of the time required

 and academic standards to be maintained

 for graduation from the College of Guam.
 - (b) The establishing of curriculum for the granting of designated baccalaureate degrees by the College.
 - (c) The establishing of academic and physical standards required for the maintenance of degree-granting status by the College.
- 3. The Board of Education, in adopting rules and regulations for the purposes specified in paragraph 2, shall establish standards which shall be sufficient to comply with at least the minimum requirements for accreditation by the Western College Association.
- 4. It is the purpose of this Order to provide, at the earliest possible time, for the expansion of the College of Guam into a four-year institution. To that end, the President of the College of Guam and the Director of Education shall immediately develop plans with respect to additional courses of study, the

expansion of the curriculum, and such other matters as may be necessary to assist the Board of Education in the implementation of this Order.

Dated at Agana, Guam, this

Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

A. M. EDWARDS Secretary of Guam