WHEREAS, for the first time rabies has been found in a dog on Guam, and it must be presumed that other animals on the island have been exposed to this disease; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Welfare has declared that this is an emergency situation presenting a serious menace and threat to the health and life of the entire population, particularly the children; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that immediate and stern measures be taken to meet this threat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Manuel F. L. Guerrero, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act, do hereby order as follows:

1. That the Department of Public Health and Welfare and the Department of Public Safety are authorized to take emergency measures to meet this threat.

2. That these emergency measures shall include the authority to collect and dispose of all dogs that are not licensed and vaccinated against rabies.

3. That regardless of being licensed and vaccinated, unless a dog is on a leash, or securely penned, or under the direct control of the owner, it shall be subject to said collection and disposal as an immediate menace within the meaning of Section 96.20.13, Government Code of Guam.

4. That duly authorized agents of the aforementioned departments have the authority to use firearms in the roundup of stray dogs and that these firearms may be used after sunset.

Dated at Agana, Guam this 29th day of March, 1967.

MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

DENVER DUMBERSON
Secretary of Guam