



Monday is Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day

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“It’s important now more than ever to preserve our history and promote our culture. Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day commemorate our history, our progress, and the evolution of our rich culture. Senator Tommy Morrison is promoting the arts and humanities, starting with an appreciation for our history and culture. We encourage more Guamanians to write, sing, paint, and speak about our heritage. – *Acting Governor Ray Tenorio*

Monday, March 3, 2014 is a GovGuam Holiday

March 3, 2014 will be observed as Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day. It will be the only holiday dedicated to the commemoration of our history and the celebration of our culture and heritage. Acting Governor Tenorio declared the observance at the request of Senator Tommy Morrison who embarked on a campaign to proliferate the Chamorro arts and humanities.

Acting Governor Tenorio asks all citizens:

- To speak with their children about our rich history;
- To encourage their children to live by the Chamorro culture by embracing the core values of *respetu*, *chenchule' inafa'maolek*, *yan man'agauiya*—respect, reciprocity, community, and love for one and all;
- To support Chamorro self-determination
- To venerate those who have died with prayer and fangingi all elders they come across in their lives;
- To grow up to become mothers and fathers who strengthen family with these same values.

Hinenggen Chamorro: I Tiempo Antes di Gera Opening

Part of our unique history, and a strong part of our culture, is the faith of the Chamorro people, which strengthened and helped families survive World War II.

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo, First Lady Christine M.S. Calvo, and Pale' Eric Forbes invite the Guamanian Family to the House of the People, *Guma' I Taotao*, in Agana Heights for the Opening Night of *Hinenggen Chamorro: I Tiempo Antes di Gera*.

Hinenggen Chamorro is a month-long exhibit of photos and artifacts collected by Pale' Eric Forbes, and numerous families on Guam.

Opening Night for the exhibit is this Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Government House at 5:30 p.m. Throughout the month of March, residents can visit Government House Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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