



**ISLAND OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96932
U.S.A.**

Executive Order 2019-04

**RELATIVE TO CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE TO REFORM
GOVERNMENT PERMITTING PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, the government of Guam has established an array of regulations, administrative procedures, and permitting processes in order to serve the interests of the people of Guam including, but not limited to, protecting public health and safety, safeguarding environmental and cultural resources, preventing fraud and waste, and securing the funding necessary to support public services; and

WHEREAS, inasmuch as all the aforementioned objectives are in the public interest, it must also be recognized that it is in the public interest to foster economic growth that produces jobs for our people, opportunities for entrepreneurs, increased incomes for working families, and an expanded tax base upon which health, education, public safety and other vital services are reliant; and

WHEREAS, crucial to sustained economic growth is a business-friendly environment that, to the maximum extent possible, supports free enterprise, and makes it easier to start a new business, grow an existing business, and accelerate the pace in the growth of private sector jobs; and

WHEREAS, it will be to the benefit of our entire community to provide responsible regulation and permitting that does not unnecessarily burden private sector enterprises, particularly small businesses, with red tape and bureaucracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *Äkto Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Acting Governor of Guam, in full consultation and coordination with **LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hågan Guåhan***, Governor of Guam, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do order as follows:

Creation of the Governor's Task Force to Reform Government Permitting Procedures.

The Governor's Task Force to Reform Government Permitting Procedures is hereby created with the following mission, purposes, and operational parameters:

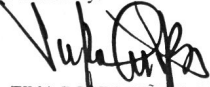
1. Mission Statement. It is the objective of this Task Force to review all government permitting procedures for the purpose of identifying opportunities for reform in order to foster a business-friendly environment in the community.
2. The Task Force shall be comprised of members appointed by the Governor of Guam with experience in both the private sector and the public sector and in particular shall include representatives of both small business and government regulatory authorities.
3. In examining government permitting required of private citizens and businesses, the Task Force shall consider the following:
 - a. An assessment as to whether the required government permit is necessary.
 - b. A determination of whether the permitting required of private citizens and businesses is sufficiently justified by the public interest served.
 - c. Whenever possible, identification of alternative means of meeting the public interest served by a permitting requirement that is less burdensome to private citizens and businesses.
4. The Bureau of Statistics and Planning shall be the primary agency to provide support.
5. All departments and agencies of the Government of Guam are hereby directed to provide as much assistance as possible to aid the Task Force in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.
6. In accordance with its Mission Statement, the Task Force shall provide a formal report to the Governor of Guam with specific reform recommendations no later than August 1, 2019.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 20th day of February 2019.



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Äkto Maga'låhen Guåhan
Acting Governor of Guam

Attested by:



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Äkto Sigundo Maga'hågan Guåhan
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam