



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

Executive Order No. 2019-07

**RELATIVE TO RESTORING THE BUREAU OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS
WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

WHEREAS, Public Law 21-23, entitled "The Bureau of Women's Affairs Act of 1991," established the Bureau of Women's Affairs within the executive branch; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2009-04 placed the Bureau of Women's Affairs under the supervision of the Department of Labor. Subsequent to the issuance of this Executive Order, the Department of Labor aligned the Bureau's functions as part of its employment and training programs for women and disadvantaged groups; and

WHEREAS, since the enactment of the statute establishing the Bureau of Women's Affairs almost twenty-eight (28) years ago, the broad array of issues related to women has increased in both prominence and public awareness as to their importance; and

WHEREAS, these concerns include, but are not limited to, education, advocacy, gender discrimination, pay equity, women's health, adolescent body image and self-esteem issues, domestic violence, sexual assault and other sexual misconduct issues; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of these concerns and the need for pro-active public policies to address them, it is appropriate the Bureau of Women's Affairs be re-established as a distinct function within the Governor's office in order to advance both awareness of women's issues and the development of concrete solutions to address these concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hāgan Guāhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby rescind Executive Order No. 2009-04 and order as follows:

Establishment of the Bureau of Women's Affairs within the Office of the Governor of Guam:

1. The Bureau of Women's Affairs is hereby established within the Office of the Governor in accordance with the mandate provided in The Bureau of Women's Affairs Act of 1991.
2. The Bureau shall be funded by the existing appropriation for the Office of the Governor and the Director of the Bureau shall be drawn from staff of the Office of the Governor.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 8th day of March 2019.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guāhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guāhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam