

ISLAND OF GUAM

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96932 U.S.A.

Executive Order 2019-05

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ANTICIPATE AND ALLEVIATE IMPACTS TO GUAM ARISING FROM THE ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENT OF TROPICAL STORM WUTIP INTO A TYPHOON

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2019, the Joint Information Center issued a press release advising that the National Weather Service, Guam Weather Forecast Office (NWS) has projected the path of Tropical Storm Wutip to be moving on a west-northwest track into Chuuk State and towards Guam; and

WHEREAS, the NWS predicts that the projected path of Tropical Storm Wutip will send damaging winds of 39 mph over Guam and its coastal waters by Saturday, February 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Governor of Guam placed the island in Condition of Readiness 3 (COR 3) at 8:00 a.m. this morning in anticipation of damaging winds within 48 hours. The NWS predicts that Tropical Storm Wutip is expected to continue its speed over the next 24 hours and will likely become a typhoon by later today, Thursday, February 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, based upon current forecasts and modeling, the growing strength and westward track of the developing typhoon represent an imminent, credible, and significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the typhoon's closest approach, the Offices of Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) and other territorial agencies must take precautionary and proactive steps over the next several days in order to secure the safety of the island and to reduce the potential destruction of property and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists such that in order to safeguard the community, the critical infrastructure, and the general welfare of the island against the impending dangerous onset of destructive winds and rains forecast to strike Guam within the next several days, it is critical that timely precautions be taken and that resources be immediately identified, mobilized and prepositioned upfront as contemplated in the GHS/OCD-FEMA 2018 Guam Catastrophic Typhoon Plan and in the 2016 Guam Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan, Acting Governor of Guam, in full consultation and coordination with LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, I 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:

- Declaration of State of Emergency. A state of emergency is hereby declared for the island of Guam as a result of Tropical Storm Wutip.
- 2. Emergency Procurement and Emergency Expenses. Pursuant to Section 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, and § 22402 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, this Executive Order shall authorize overtime and emergency procurement for heavy equipment rental, debris removal, nursing and medical support services for the North and Southern Community Health Centers, Guam Department of Education typhoon shelter operations, lodging for displaced residents, and the purchase of supplies, materials, goods, services or other expenditures by any agency or department as authorized by the Acting Governor of Guam, up to a combined total maximum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).
- 3. GHS/OCD to be Lead Agency; Purpose of Emergency Procurement. GHS/OCD shall be the lead agency for the emergency procurement of any goods and services relative to this Executive Order, the effective period of which shall be for thirty (30) days as provided in § 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated. This emergency procurement is not being used solely for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of the Guam Procurement Law, Title Guam Code Annotated Chapter 5.
- 4. Authorization For Overtime. Authorization is given for the payment of overtime, for exempt and non-exempt Government of Guam employees, to work in excess of forty (40) hours a week in order to mitigate and respond to the effects of Tropical Storm Wutip throughout Guam. The Special Assistant to Homeland Security (the Guam Homeland Security Advisor) shall have administrative authority of the Office of Civil Defense and is authorized to determine the eligibility of overtime expenditures resulting from work performed by the government agencies, and the approval shall be obtained prior to incurring any overtime or expenses. The failure to obtain prior approval shall be grounds for denying reimbursement.
- 5. Documentation of Expenses. All departments and agencies are instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses authorized by this Executive Order for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approval by the President of the United States to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Signed and Promulgated at Hagåtña, Guam, this 21th day of February 2019.

Akto Maga'låhen Guåhan Acting Governor of Guam

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