



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

Executive Order No. 2019-15

**RELATIVE TO CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON
CHAMORU HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT TO
EXAMINE THE STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORU
AFFAIRS AND GUAM CULTURAL HERITAGE AGENCIES AND
DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE THEIR MISSION,
OPERATIONS, AND EFFECTIVENESS**

WHEREAS, our island's way of life is rooted in our CHamoru culture, which consists of the values of hospitality, family, and respect for others. This legacy is strengthened by the contributions of all those who call Guam home and provides a solid foundation for the future progress of a united Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Department of CHamoru Affairs was established twenty years ago by Public Law 25-69 with a mandate for the development and promotion of CHamoru heritage and to enhance the future of the CHamoru people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and timely to assess the framework within which the Department of CHamoru Affairs and other cultural heritage agencies function and make such recommendations as may be required in order to strengthen the effort to promote the CHamoru culture; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reassess cultural heritage and identity within the context of indigenous rights and issues as they have developed over the years, as well as to address social, economic, and other concerns related to the future of the CHamoru people; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of government entities, boards and commissions engaged in promoting the history, language and culture of the CHamoru people of Guam has created a scattered and fragmented approach which has diminished the potential effectiveness of these programs to lead CHamoru revitalization and maintenance efforts and other heritage concerns; and

WHEREAS, the goal of providing more effective support for the CHamoru culture and enhanced capacity to address the wider social and economic challenges facing the CHamoru People would be well served by establishing a strengthened mission and a collaborative framework for agencies such as the Department of CHamoru Affairs, *I Kumision I Fino' CHamoru Yan I Fina'ná'guen I Historia Yan I Lina'la Taotao Tano'* (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam), the Guam Historic Resources Division of the Department of the Parks and Recreation and other programs and entities with related missions; and

WHEREAS, all would benefit greatly from sharing staff and physical resources, leadership, grants, funding sources and a clear vision for accomplishing collaborative goals; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, 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 hereby order as follows:

Creation of the Governor's Task Force on CHamoru Heritage and Cultural Advancement

The Governor's Task Force on CHamoru and Cultural Advancement is hereby created with the following mission and tasks:

1. Conduct an in-depth review of the functions, responsibilities and mandates of all Government of Guam programs charged with promoting the history, language and culture of the CHamoru people and the heritage of the community of Guam.
2. Recommend a collaborative framework that will prioritize and facilitate the successful and efficient execution of their missions as paramount to the continuity of the identity, language and way of life of the CHamoru people.
3. Assess facilities, funding and grants currently under Department of CHamoru Affairs management and related cultural and historic preservation entities to determine the most effective usage of these programs and resources.
4. Recommend revisions, as is required, to the statutory basis, structure and mission of the Department of CHamoru Affairs and other cultural heritage agencies in order to effectuate reforms necessary to broaden and improve their effectiveness.
5. Determine the implications of and the method to consolidate *I Kumision I Fino' CHamoru Yan I Fina'nå'guen I Historia Yan I Lina'la Taotao Tano'* with the Department of CHamoru Affairs.



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6. Identify current and potential revenue sources to adequately fund the proposed framework.
7. Review and make recommendations regarding the governance and program priorities of the Guam Preservation Trust.
8. The Task Force shall be comprised of three (3) members appointed by *Maga'hågan Guåhan* and shall have the full cooperation of all Government of Guam departments and agencies in the fulfillment of its charge.
9. The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to *Maga'hågan Guåhan* no later than September 1, 2019.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 21st day of June, 2019.

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERERRO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam