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**RE: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-08**

*Hafa Adai* Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-08: RELATIVE TO LIFTING THE EMERGENCY ON  
THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE CAUSED BY TYHPOON MAWAR**

Thank you.

*Senseramente,*

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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2023-08

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-08**

**RELATIVE TO LIFTING THE EMERGENCY ON THE PUBLIC WATER  
SUPPLY SHORTAGE CAUSED BY TYPHOON MAWAR**

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2023, Guam was struck by Typhoon Mawar, a Category 4 Typhoon that caused substantial damage to critical infrastructure, including power and water; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Guam Waterworks Authority (“GWA”) worked diligently to restore water to our community, the low levels in our reservoirs made it difficult for water service to be restored to high lying areas or areas of the island that required higher pressure; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, GWA requested that residents with water service conserve and limit use of their water to cleaning, bathing and cooking, in order to allow replenishment and stabilization of our reservoirs; and

**WHEREAS**, based on GWA’s water conservation request, on June 3, 2023, I issued E.O. No. 2023-04, declaring a state of emergency due to the public water supply shortage caused by Typhoon Mawar; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency declaration in E.O. 2023-04 triggered the application of 9 GCA Section 55.60, which made it unlawful to use water supplied by GWA for unauthorized purposes not pertaining to public health, safety and welfare during a public water shortage following a natural disaster emergency declaration. Specific unauthorized uses provided in Section 55.60 include washing motor vehicles, windows, streets, sidewalks and buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 55.60 further provides that a state of emergency under the section shall be for a period of no more than fifteen (15) days, but that the Governor may proclaim successive states of emergency if she deems it to be in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, based on GWA’s continued challenges achieving sufficient water pressure to provide service to some areas, on June 17, 2023, I declared a second state of emergency to continue the activation of Section 55.60; and

**WHEREAS**, the second water shortage emergency declared in E.O. 2023-06 is scheduled to expire on July 4, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, I have closely tracked GWA’s progress in restoring water services to our island. As of the time of this writing, just four weeks into the recovery effort, GWA reports that it has restored water to over 95% of customers and that Guam’s water supply system is at pre-typhoon production, with 101 wells producing approximately 34.7 million gallons of water per day or 102% of pre-typhoon production; and



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**WHEREAS**, based on this data, it is appropriate to lift the second water shortage emergency declared in E.O. 2023-06, to enable our community to resume usage of public water for all purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of our community, especially those who reside in areas to which water service was restored most recently, I extend my thanks to our people for conserving water, allowing our reservoirs to replenish, and supporting the restoration of water to substantially all of our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, I Maga'hågan Guåhan**, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended, do hereby order:

1. **PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE EMERGENCY LIFTED.** The second state of emergency due to the public water supply shortage as a result of Typhoon Mawar, declared in E.O. 2023-06, will be lifted effective 12:01 a.m. on June 24, 2023, at which time our community may resume the use of public water for all purposes.
2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.
3. **PRIOR ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT.** All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagåtña, Guam, this 23rd day of June, 2023.

  
**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

  
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