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THE HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker

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37th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building

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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-13

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-13

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM CRISIS INTERVENTION
PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD

Thank you.

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Moots".

JEFFREY A. MOOTS
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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2023-13

cc via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan*
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-13

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM CRISIS INTERVENTION
PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2022, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (“Act”) into law, legislation which contains common-sense gun safety reforms intending to reduce gun violence and save lives by keeping guns out of dangerous hands. The Act requires enhanced background checks and provides states with funding for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (“ERPO”), drug court, and crisis intervention programs; the expansion of mental health services; and the implementation of comprehensive strategies to ensure schools are healthy and safe centers for learning; and

WHEREAS, the Act funds programs, such as ERPO proceedings, a state crisis intervention tool that empowers family members, healthcare providers, school officials, and law enforcement officers to petition a court temporarily preventing a person from accessing firearms if a court concludes they are a danger to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the U.S. Department of Justice (“US DOJ”), and Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), to release funding to states, territories, and other governments to support the implementation of gun violence reduction and safety programs through the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (“Byrne SCIP”) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Byrne SCIP grant program requires that states and territorial governments form a diverse Crisis Intervention Advisory Board as a condition to receive funds to inform and guide jurisdictions in creating and implementing gun violence reduction programs and initiatives and other related programs. The Board must include, but is not limited to representatives from local law enforcement agencies, community, courts, prosecutorial entities, behavioral health providers, victim services, and the defense bar.

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

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUAM CRISES INTERVENTION PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD.** I hereby order the establishment of the Guam Crises Intervention Program (“GCIP”) Advisory Board, and direct as follows:

A. The GCIP Advisory Board shall consist of the following members:

- i. Chief of Police of the Guam Police Department, or designee;
- ii. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam, or designee;
- iii. Attorney General of the Office of the Attorney General of Guam, or designee;



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- iv. Director of the Guam Behavioral Health & Wellness Center, or designee;
- v. Executive Director of the Public Defender Service Corporation, or designee;
- vi. One (1) community representative to be appointed by the Governor; and
- vii. President of the Victim Advocates Reaching Out (“VARO”)

The Governor may from time to time designate such other members to the GCIP Advisory Board as necessary in furtherance of the GCIP Advisory Board’s objectives.

B. The GCIP Advisory Board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- i. Develop and submit to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for review and approval the SCIP Plan, budget, and sub-award recipient list;
- ii. Ensure the SCIP Plan addresses the following, but not limited to:
 - a. Extreme risk protection order programs that work to keep firearms out of the hands of people who pose a threat to themselves or others;
 - b. Communication, education, and public awareness on the value and public safety benefits of ERPO laws and programs, and promote the importance of effective implementation and enforcement, as well as program development and enhancement;
 - c. Related court-based, behavioral health deflection and gun safety programs or initiatives include, but are not limited to:
 - Specialized court-based programs such as drug, mental health, and veterans’ treatment courts including those that specifically accept clients with firearms violations;
 - Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others; and
 - Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns such as gun locks and storage and development and or delivery or specialized training.



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- d. Evaluation of Crisis Intervention Programs to engage a research partner to evaluate the effectiveness of crisis intervention programs or ERPO initiatives in preventing violence and suicide, and measures that have been taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of individuals subject to a crisis intervention program and or ERPO initiative.
 - iii. Provide bi-annual updates to the Governor on the GCIP Advisory Board's progress and spending plan.
- C. The Bureau of Statistics and Plans will provide administrative support to the GCIP Advisory Board in developing the Guam SCIP Plan, budget, and subaward recipient list.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 31st day of **October, 2023**.

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

Attested by:

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