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The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker, I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-03

Hāfa Adai Madam Speaker,

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-03

RELATIVE TO ADOPTING AND PROMULGATING THE
UPDATED 2024 GUAM HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Moots".

JEFFREY A. MOOTS
Legal Counsel

Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2024-03

CC via email: *Maga'hāgan Guåhan*
Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guåhan
Hon. Robert J. Torres, Jr., Chief Justice of Guam
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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-03

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GUAM HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the island of Guam is under regular threat of natural, human-made and technological disasters responsible for causing mass casualties, injuries, losses of real property, and damages to our island's environment; and

WHEREAS, while the occurrence of destructive forces of nature cannot be eliminated or altered, hazard mitigation measures and responsible preparedness planning can be taken to reduce their impact to our island community; and

WHEREAS, the well-being and safety of our island residents, its environment and property are the primary concern of this administration, more specifically the Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense, which collaborate with other Government of Guam, federal, military and private emergency response organizations to protect our people from these hazards and disaster threats; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2014-11, the Government of Guam created and adopted the 2014 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Guam HMP"), which was a comprehensive strategy that focused on mitigating and reducing Guam's exposure and vulnerability to natural and human-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, due to its geographic isolation, Guam relies on both technical and logistical assistance from federal and private sector partners during response to and recovery operations for catastrophic events, making collaborative pre-planning efforts and partnerships between all parties a critical necessity; and

WHEREAS, under the State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide of 2022 and its regulations, all state hazard mitigation plans are required to be updated and re-approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam updated the 2014 Guam HMP to create the 2019 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2019 Guam HMP"); and

WHEREAS under the State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide of 2022, the 2019 Guam HMP must be updated this year.

WHEREAS, the updated 2024 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan ("2024 Guam HMP") continues to demonstrate Guam's commitment to reducing the risk of losses from natural and human-made hazards and serves as a strategic planning guide for Guam's decisionmakers as they commit resources to reduce the effects of these hazards; and



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WHEREAS, the 2024 Guam HMP describes Guam's procedures for identifying hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and it also identifies and prioritizes mitigation actions, encourages the ongoing development and effective implementation of Guam's specific mitigation strategies, and provides technical support for these efforts; and

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 promulgate and adopt the 2024 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan to be effective as of the date set forth herein; and further **ORDER** the following:

1. This Executive Order and the attached 2024 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan shall supersede Executive Order No. 2019-18 and the 2019 Guam Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. All other mitigation activities by the appropriate entities and government agencies shall be in accordance with the Mitigation Strategy developed and presented within the 2024 Guam HMP; and
3. Any further updates to the 2024 Guam HMP shall be coordinated via the established Plan Maintenance Process through the Guam Hazard Mitigation Officer (State Hazard Mitigation Officer) with the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and the Guam Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee; and
4. The 2024 Guam HMP also supersedes any previous Guam Hazard Mitigation Plans purporting to address disaster recovery or rescue matters and shall be included as one of the appendices of the Guam Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 25th day of July, 2024.

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

Attested by:

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

