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THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-07

Hafa Adai Mr. Speaker,

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-07

**THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUAM RECOVERY OFFICE TO COORDINATE
LEGACY, ONGOING, AND FUTURE DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS ACROSS
THE TERRITORY**

Senperamente,

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JEFFREY A. MOOTS
Legal Counsel

Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2025-07

CC via email: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hāgan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
The Hon. Robert J. Torres, Jr., Chief Justice of Guam
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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-07

**RELATIVE TO THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUAM RECOVERY
OFFICE TO COORDINATE LEGACY, ONGOING, AND FUTURE
DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS ACROSS THE TERRITORY**

WHEREAS, Guam has experienced multiple major disasters since 2018, including Typhoon Mangkhut, Tropical Storm Maria, the COVID-19 pandemic, and Typhoon Mawar, all of which caused widespread damage and disruption;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2020-13 created the Guam Recovery Office to manage COVID-19 recovery, demonstrating the value of centralized coordination and oversight of federal disaster funds;

WHEREAS, disaster recovery involves long-term, multi-agency efforts requiring compliance for the use of funds from a number of federal programs, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs, encompassing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program;

WHEREAS, Guam's geographic isolation and limited local capacity require a sustained and centralized recovery structure to ensure timely project delivery, regulatory compliance, and effective resource management;

WHEREAS, climate change continues to increase the severity and frequency of disasters, necessitating recovery efforts that incorporate mitigation and resilience strategies;

WHEREAS, many legacy recovery projects remain open and require continued oversight to meet compliance milestones, complete closeout, and secure federal reimbursement;

WHEREAS, a permanent Guam Recovery Office will ensure continuity, technical capacity, and institutional knowledge of managing federal funds across all phases of disaster recovery;

WHEREAS, federal and territorial partners, including FEMA, have recommended the formal establishment of a permanent recovery coordination entity consistent with



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the National Disaster Recovery Framework to centralize the accounting of all sources of funds;

WHEREAS, public transparency and accountability in managing disaster recovery funds are essential to maintaining trust and ensuring compliance with audit and reporting requirements;

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam is committed to a coordinated, transparent, and effective disaster recovery framework that supports the safety and resilience of the 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:

SECTION 1. REESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUAM RECOVERY OFFICE.

The Guam Recovery Office is hereby reestablished as a centralized entity under the Office of the Governor to coordinate the Government of Guam's financial management of recovery efforts for all legacy, ongoing, and future disasters.

SECTION 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GUAM RECOVERY OFFICE.

The Guam Recovery Office shall:

- a. Provide administrative and programmatic oversight for all disaster-related grants, such as PA, HMGP, BRIC, and FMA programs;
- b. Monitor the obligation, expenditure, and reporting of disaster recovery funds in accordance with federal and local regulations;
- c. Facilitate management of all assets needed for recovery planning, interagency coordination, and project implementation aligned with the National Disaster Recovery Framework.
- d. Maintain a centralized database of all disaster recovery projects, timelines, and funding sources;
- e. Prepare and publish quarterly reports on recovery progress and expenditures for submission to the Office of the Governor, the Guam Legislature, and the general public.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM RECOVERY OFFICE.



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The Governor shall appoint a Director of the Guam Recovery Office to oversee its operations. The Director shall report directly to the Chief of Staff and shall have the authority to:

- a. Represent the Government of Guam in recovery-related meetings and negotiations with federal agencies related to funding of preparation for, recovery from any disasters;
- b. Issue guidance and instructions to executive agencies regarding accounting for and reporting of all federal funds related to disaster recovery requirements;
- c. Request reports, justifications, and documentation from government entities to meet compliance and performance standards;
- d. Engage contractors, consultants, and subject-matter experts regarding payment as necessary to support recovery activities consistent with local and federal procurement laws.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY AND COMPLIANCE.

All disaster recovery-related expenditures, contracts, and project performance data shall be available to the public through a designated transparency portal. The Guam Recovery Office shall ensure full compliance with federal audit and reporting requirements, including those set forth under 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and those outlined in all grant requirements.

SECTION 5. SUPPORT AND COORDINATION.

All agencies, departments, and instrumentalities of the Government of Guam are hereby directed to support the Guam Recovery Office in executing its duties and to designate a point of contact for recovery coordination. The Bureau of Budget and Management Research, Guam Homeland Security and Office of Civil Defense, Guam State Clearinghouse, and other applicable entities shall provide technical and administrative assistance as necessary.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUPERSESSION.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. All other Executive Orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Order are hereby amended or superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

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SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this ____ day of October, 2025.

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

Attested by:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam

