## TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGANA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-014

## RELATIVE TO RESCINDING THE 'GAG ORDER' OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2000-07.

WHEREAS, it is important that the Executive and Legislative Branches be able to work together, especially during these tough financial times; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees the freedom of speech of every citizen of the United States of America, a guarantee that cannot be abridged or restricted by the government of Guam or any other government in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is also fundamentally important that the public and the media have access to information within and about their government, and that agencies and departments respond to requests from the public and the media; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO,** Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

1. Item No. 2 of Executive Order No. 2000-07, commonly referred to as the 'gag order', is hereby rescinded. In upholding the Constitutional protection of free speech embodied in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, all heads and deputy heads of departments and agencies in the Executive Branch shall respond to any request from I Liheslaturan Guahan, the public and the media, in the normal manner and shall not be required to forward such requests to the Governor's Chief of Staff for prior consideration.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 24th day of May, 2000.

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Acting Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

JOANNE M.S. BROWN

Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam