



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-30**

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN ORDER  
TO ENSURE PROPER SANITATION FOR THE  
COMMUNITY BY STABILIZING OPERATIONS AT THE  
SOLID WASTE DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, trash collection for numerous villages on Guam has been delayed due to the chronic shortage of sanitation workers at the Department of Public Works, chronic shortage of funds for trash collection, and the current exacerbation of personnel shortage through illness in the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of sanitation workers is so short at the present time that it is not possible to keep a bare-bones schedule of trash pick up, even if all workers on board are present each and every day; and

**WHEREAS**, nine additional packer trucks are en route for delivery to Guam, and there are not enough workers to put them into operation, and the current workers are already putting in two shifts and are nearly one week behind in collections; and

**WHEREAS**, actual revenues from the Solid Waste User Fee are below revenue projections and collection is complicated by the lack of infrastructure to administratively support collections; and

**WHEREAS**, because of Guam's unique situation, the United States Congress included provisions in the Organic Act of Guam authorizing the Governor to ensure the provision of health care to the population of our island, and the Organic Act states on this subject:

"Subject to the laws of Guam, the Governor shall establish, maintain, and operate public health services in Guam, including hospitals, dispensaries, and quarantine stations, at such places in Guam as may be necessary, and he shall promulgate quarantine and sanitary regulations for the protection of Guam against the importation and spread of disease"; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of disease through improper sanitation must be avoided and the pile-up of uncollected garbage and trash in a tropical climate is a condition which cannot be allowed to start or continue; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:**

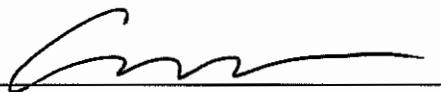
1) **Declaration of state of emergency.** A state of emergency exists in the provision of proper sanitation to our community in the timely pickup of trash, due to the shortage of Solid Waste Technicians. The build up of unsanitary or unhealthy conditions caused by garbage and trash that is not picked up and remains set out in a tropical climate must be avoided and eliminated.

2) **Emergency procurement and emergency expenses.** Pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing emergency procurement



upon executive order, and pursuant to §22402 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated authorizing the Governor to utilize up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) of outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for expenses caused by civil defense, public safety or health emergencies, the Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research is authorized to transfer to the Department of Public Works an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for immediate procurement by the Department of Public Works to provide goods and services to ensure proper sanitation for Guam's community, to provide additional Solid Waste Technicians.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 27th day of September, 2000.**

  
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**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
I'Maga'Lahen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

