



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-32

**RELATIVE TO THE RESCINDING OF EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 2000-07 AND GUIDELINES FOR
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
AND LEGISLATIVE BODIES.**

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2000-32 instructed heads and deputy heads of Executive Branch departments to meet for preparation of an Executive Reorganization Plan, and that during this time of reorganization all requests from the Legislature, i Liheslatura, to the Executive Branch were required to be put in writing; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order, and the subsequent memoranda which were sent to the Executive Branch agencies, were interpreted repeatedly by government officials and media as a "gag order"; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order has been widely criticized as a cause of poor relationships between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of our government, and has been cited as a major criticism of Executive policy; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve communication between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of government, it is desirable to change the procedure for interaction between the two branches; and

WHEREAS, although Executive Order No. 2000-14, promulgated by Speaker Unpingco as Acting Governor while the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam were both off-island, rescinded Executive Order No. 2000-07, no new instructions were ever promulgated to guide the communication and interaction between the two branches of government and many believe that there is a "gag order" in existence;

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. **Rescinding Executive Order No. 2000-07.** While Executive Order No. 2000-07 was officially rescinded by Executive Order No. 2000-14, in order to clear up any inconsistency in interpretation, Executive Order No. 2000-07 is hereby restated to be rescinded.
2. **Guidelines for communication and interaction between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch of government.** The following guidelines shall be observed:
 - a) **Timelines.** Heads and deputy heads of Executive Branch departments and agencies shall respond appropriately to all requests from the Legislature, i Liheslatura, in accordance with the Open Government Law of Guam, and shall simultaneously keep the Governor's Office informed of the various requests and on-going communication.



Enough lead time shall be requested from the Legislature, i Liheslatura, or any senator or committee, for appropriate responses.

- b) **Demeanor.** All communication and interaction between Executive Branch officials and the Legislature, i Liheslatura, or any senator or committee, shall be characterized as respectful, and dignified.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 11th day of October, 2000.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl T. C. Gutierrez".

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

