

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-42

RELATIVE TO PROVIDING FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "CHAMORRO MONTH".

WHEREAS, §1025 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, provides for the celebration of Discovery Day and commencing on the first Monday of March and ending eight days later in each year to be designated as "Chamorro Week"; and

WHEREAS, "Chamorro Week" has been celebrated for many years, however, in recent years there is a desire to put more emphasis on this celebration and many times a period of two weeks has been used to celebrate the Chamorro culture and practice rather than one week; and

WHEREAS, there have been proposals to have an entire month dedicated to the celebration and practice of Chamorro culture and marked with appropriate cultural and civic activities; and

WHEREAS, "Chamorro Week" can be enlarged by Executive Order and it is desirable to declare the entire month of March, 2001 as "Chamorro Month" to allow for the proper organization and planning for this event; and

WHEREAS, the expression of local culture is a valuable asset, both socially and economically, and directing creativity towards this endeavor is both satisfying to our people and a resource for our visitor industry;

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. **Celebration of "Chamorro Month".** The month of March, 2001 is hereby declared to be "Chamorro Month" and appropriate proclamations, celebrations, and activities shall be arranged, based on the intent of §1025 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated.
- 2. **Coordination of activities.** The Chamorro Studies and Special Projects Division of the Department of Education and the Chamorro Language Division of the Department of Chamorro Affairs shall coordinate and plan for appropriate activities to celebrate "Chamorro Month" in March, 2001.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 16th day of November, 2000.

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