



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2001-31

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A "STATE OF  
EMERGENCY" AND "EMERGENCY SITUATION" IN  
THE WAKE OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2001 EARTHQUAKE.

**WHEREAS**, an earthquake struck the island of Guam on or about 1:02 a.m., October 13, 2001 with a magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter Scale; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage sustained to the island's utility infrastructure to maintain a consistent level of operation for the citizens of Guam has been significantly impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing preliminary assessment of damage to the infrastructure of the public sector including water, power, health, educational, and other government facilities is approaching Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) including verifying that significant damage was brought on by the earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, there is serious concern over the unseen and as of yet undetermined impact on the ability of the utility infrastructure to maintain safe and consistent delivery of public service to the citizens of Guam; thereby necessitating the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) to pursue and contract leak detection services beyond their current capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a weakened public infrastructure, and the current state of alertness brought on by recent acts of terrorism against the United States of America, can and will impact the ability of the government of Guam to maintain our commitment and support of the military sector, through "OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE" and "OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM"; and

**WHEREAS**, the concern of the government of Guam for the welfare and safety of the citizens of Guam, and to ensure the safety of the citizens of Guam, protecting lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Executive Branch to pursue a Presidential Declaration for a major disaster on Guam; thereby enabling the government of Guam to receive federal emergency assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies; 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. **State of Emergency.** For the purposes of assuring the public's safety to persons and property and to state that an emergency situation of "state of emergency" continues to exist as of the date of this Executive Order as to those persons performing emergency services and assessment of damage

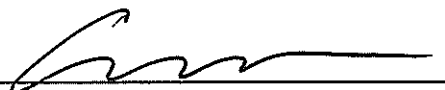


related to the October 13, 2001 earthquake, as determined by the head of the following:

- a) Office of Civil Defense
- b) Department of Education
- c) Guam Power Authority
- d) Guam Waterworks Authority
- e) Department of Public Works
- f) Guam Police Department
- g) Guam Fire Department
- h) Guam National Guard
- i) Guam Telephone Authority
- j) Department of Public Health and Social Services
- k) Mayors' Council and Mayors of each village
- l) Department of Administration;
- m) Heads of agencies who have personnel detailed to the above listed agencies and entities;
- n) Such personnel performing emergency functions not listed above as determined by the Governor.

2. **Request for funding for Guam Waterworks Authority.** This Executive Order shall hereby serve as an official request for I Liheslaturan Guåhan, the Guam Legislature, to appropriate and authorize the Guam Waterworks Authority to expend the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the sole purpose of contracting for leak detection services; and

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagåtña, Guam this 7th day of November, 2001.

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