



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002-15**

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN  
ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE ISLAND-WIDE RECOVERY  
FROM TYPHOON CHATA'AN.**

**WHEREAS**, Typhoon Chata'an struck Guam during the early morning hours of July 5, 2002, with sustained winds in excess of 100 miles per hour with gusts of at least 115 miles per hour and continues to assault the island with winds in excess of gale force more than 6 hours after the eye of the storm passed over the northern part of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 5:00 p.m., July 5, 2002, serious damage caused by Typhoon Chata'an has impaired the island's infrastructure with impassable roadways, over 9,000 Southern residents without telephone service and loss of power to the entire island of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the collapse of the island's power transmission and distribution systems and damage to generation facilities has seriously affected the ability of the Guam Waterworks Authority to maintain water and wastewater services, placing island residents at potential public health risks, which have been further aggravated by the loss of power to both the FENA Reservoir and to the Hagåtña and Agat sewage pump stations; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 2,000 residents of Guam throughout the island sought safe refuge from the storm in government operated shelters, and it is now unclear how much longer many of these individuals and families, and others similarly displaced may need emergency shelter, food, and other public assistance, and there is a very real public concern that Guam can expect these numbers to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy rainfall generated by Typhoon Chata'an has caused widespread flooding and heavy accumulation of debris throughout the island and the need for at least Fifteen (15) debris staging areas throughout the island and will exhaust and require resources over and beyond the capabilities of the government of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Memorial Hospital received water damage to Ninety Percent (90%) of the facility's rooms and lost functional use of Three (3) out of Four (4) operating rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the island's fire and police emergency stations and facilities have sustained damages disrupting operations; and

**WHEREAS**, transportation service on Guam have been severely impacted by significant damages to the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, and the Jose B. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port (Port Authority of Guam) and passage on Guam's roadways and bridges has been impaired; and




**WHEREAS**, the government is now in dire need of funds and resources to pay for basic equipment, supplies, personnel overtime costs, and other response and recovery expenses that will be borne in order to get the recovery process underway and to ensure that the basic needs of the people of Guam are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, has responded to the disaster situation in Guam and deployed Mr. William Carville, Federal Coordinating Officer, from the United States mainland to assist the government of Guam with its preliminary damage assessments;

**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 is declared for the island of Guam due to damage the island and its infrastructure has sustained by Typhoon Chata'an
2. **Preliminary damage assessments.** All department and agency heads of the government of Guam are hereby directed to conduct preliminary damage assessments in conjunction with the Office of Civil Defense
3. **Reporting requirement.** As much as possible, initial reports on preliminary damage assessments are due from all departments and agencies within Twenty-four (24) hours from the date of this Executive Order.
4. **Emergency procurement and emergency expenses.** Pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, this executive order shall authorize emergency procurement for overtime from July 3, 2002 until July 10, 2002 and unless further renewed by the Governor, heavy equipment rental, supplies and materials, DOE typhoon shelter preparations, lodging for displaced residents; the expenditures to come from appropriations made available by the Legislature and any future appropriations provided by the Legislature.
5. **Documentation of expenses.** All departments and agencies are hereby instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approval by the President of the United States to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
6. **Purpose of emergency procurement and expenditure of funds.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any goods and services provided by the Office of Civil Defense of the Department of Military Affairs as the lead agency in the provision of goods and services relative to the response and recovery from Typhoon Chata'an; and continuing for Thirty (30) days after the date of this executive order as provided in §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 5th day of July, 2002.**

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