



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002-24

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE
THE ISLAND-WIDE RECOVERY FROM TYPHOON PONGSONA AND FOR
THE PROVISION OF SERVICES BY THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD TO
ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM**

WHEREAS, as of 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 8, 2002, the government of Guam has been advised by the National Weather Service, that Typhoon Pongsona will be making its closest point of approach to the island of Guam between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. the same day; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Operations Center at the Office of Civil Defense has been established and Response Activity Coordinators (RACs) have been activated to duty as of 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2002 in preparation for the onset of destructive winds and rains from Typhoon Pongsona; and

WHEREAS, as of 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 2002, the Department of Education has opened emergency shelters at public schools throughout Guam for residents displaced from their homes and seeking safe refuge from the damaging winds and rain expected from Typhoon Pongsona. As of 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 8, 2002, approximately 2,000 residents had relocated to these shelters; and

WHEREAS, the government of Guam is in need of heavy equipment for use throughout the island in anticipation of heavy rainfall, widespread flooding and heavy accumulation of debris island-wide caused by Typhoon Pongsona; and

WHEREAS, a current state of emergency continues to exist relative to the ability of the Guam Waterworks Authority to maintain water services to the island of Guam and as of 10:00 a.m., water service has been lost at several of the emergency shelters and there is growing concern over the health and welfare of shelter occupants; and

WHEREAS, transportation services on Guam at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport (Guam International Airport Authority) and the Jose B. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam (Port Authority of Guam) have been halted; and

WHEREAS, the services of the Guam National Guard are needed to assist the local government, particularly the Department of Public Works, the Guam Waterworks Authority, the Guam Power Authority, the Department of Education, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Police Department and the Guam Fire Department, along with other departments and agencies; 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 by deploying several FEMA personnel including Mr. William Carwille, 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 Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

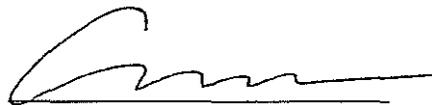
1. **Declaration of State of Emergency.** A state of emergency is hereby declared for the island of Guam as a result of Typhoon Pongsona.
2. **Preliminary damage assessments.** All department and agency heads of the government of Guam are hereby directed to conduct preliminary damage assessments in conjunction with the Office of Civil Defense and the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, as soon as the island is returned to Condition 4.
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 December 7, 2002 until December 18, 2002, unless further renewed by the Governor, heavy equipment rental, supplies and materials, DOE typhoon shelter operations, lodging for displaced residents; the expenditures to come from any appropriations made available by the Guam Legislature.
5. **Activation of the Guam National Guard and duties.** The Guam National Guard is hereby activated at 11:00 a.m., December 8, 2002, for at least Ten (10) days until December 18, 2002, unless extended by a subsequent executive order. The activation is to include Army and Air elements. The Adjutant General or his designee, with the approval of the Governor, shall select appropriate personnel from any units needed to perform the missions necessary to respond to the enhanced security requirements at Guam Power Authority and Guam Waterworks Authority power and water facilities.

The activated units or members are directed to render all necessary assistance in providing services relative responding to the disaster on Guam caused by the passage of Typhoon Pongsona.

The Guam National Guard military commanders will take the measure or perform all those activities necessary to prevent, forestall, or combat the effects of the emergency situation. Accomplishment of the above stated missions and the command and control of the command units are the sole responsibility of the Guam National Guard military commander subject to the statutory control of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief.

6. **Documentation of expenses.** All departments and agencies are hereby instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approval by the President of the United States to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
7. **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 Pongsona; 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 Hagatna, Guam this 8th day of December, 2002.



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