



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2003-32

**RELATIVE TO INSTITUTING A FAMILY VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THE PROLIFERATION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AND
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN THE TERRITORY.**

WHEREAS, the incidence of family violence and criminal sexual assaults have seemingly infiltrated our island homes and the community-at-large in recent years; and

WHEREAS, these crimes have taken many shapes and forms, including mental, physical and sexual abuse of women, children, elders, adults, spouses, former spouses, co-habitants, former co-habitants, or a person with whom the perpetrator has had a child or has had a dating relationship; and

WHEREAS, our island community, in particular the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the Government of Guam, have a compelling obligation and responsibility to commit and dedicate resources to address and combat this proliferating problem; and

WHEREAS, in striving to fulfill its duty, the executive, legislative and judicial branches must work in tandem with the community and non-governmental organizations by sharing and coordinating its resources to both respond to and prevent family violence and related crimes from spreading; and

WHEREAS, by working in concert with various segments of the community, the three branches of government must aim at being more effective in responding immediately through its instruments of law enforcement and victims' assistance, namely the police department, the prosecutor's office, the courts, counselors and service providers; and

WHEREAS, given the scant financial resources available to the community, it is imperative that utmost collaboration be undertaken to develop a comprehensive and systemic response to the family violence and criminal sexual assaults issues; and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of additional and needed resources for prevention and treatment programs, it is critical that existing programs with demonstrated success be expanded and new programs be developed and implemented to include public education and community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon all involved to support and promote formal and informal island-wide multi-disciplinary efforts, the continued enhancement of law enforcement agency response, and strengthening of victim's service agencies and groups;



NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam do order:

1. The Family Violence Task Force Executive Committee be instituted and comprised of representatives from the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of the Government of Guam; and
2. That the Governor or his designee shall serve as the Chairperson of the Family Violence Task Force Executive Committee and appoint the following Executive Branch officials or their designees: Attorney General or his designee, the Chief-of-Police of the Guam Police Department, the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, and the Grants Administrator of the Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women (VAW) Program as Task Force Executive Committee members; and
3. That the Governor make the following requests of the Speaker of the Guam Legislature, the Chief Justice of Guam and the Presiding Judge of Guam:
 - a. The Speaker of the Guam Legislature is respectfully requested to participate as a Task Force Executive Committee member or appoint his designee, and is respectfully requested to appoint the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Judiciary and Criminal Justice, the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Youth Affairs, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Health as Task Force Executive Committee members, and
 - b. The Chief Justice of Guam is respectfully requested to participate as a Task Force Executive Committee member or appoint his designee.
 - c. The Presiding Judge is respectfully requested to participate as a Task Force Executive Committee member or appoint his designee, the Client Services and Family Counseling Division who primarily handle family violence and sexual assault cases, and a Public Defender who primarily handles family violence cases as Task Force Executive Committee members; and
4. Task Force Executive Committee members shall also invite the following entities to work with the Task Force as ex-officio members on various programs and subcommittees: appropriate executive, legislative and judicial entities not listed in 1-3 above, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, representatives from the Armed Services who may have an interest in combating family violence; and other community members.
5. The primary duties and responsibilities and goals of the Family Violence Task Force shall include the following:
 - a. Submission of an annual report to the government respected members of the elected or retained heads with data and information that identify and assess community needs in the area of family violence; and
 - b. Development and Submission for implementation government-wide policy and protocol on family violence; and
 - c. Create viable prevention and treatment programs, identify community resources, and create an island-wide educational program pertaining to family violence consistent with the current laws;



- d. Provide advice and recommend proposed legislation to strengthen existing family violence laws.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 28th of October, 2003.

FELIX P. CAMACHO

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Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam

