



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004- 05

**RELATIVE TO PLACING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
RECOVERY COORDINATION OFFICE (PAKA OFFICE) UNDER  
THE OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Organic Act of Guam declares that: "The Governor shall, from time to time, examine the organization of the executive branch of the government of Guam, and shall determine and carry out such changes therein as are necessary to promote effective management and to execute faithfully the purposes of this chapter and the laws of Guam." (48 U.S.C. § 1422c(c)); and

**WHEREAS**, the function and mission of the Office of Civil Defense ("OCD") is to coordinate and facilitate all government of Guam, military, and federal liaison response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 97-52 created the Government of Guam Recovery Coordination Office ("RCO") to coordinate the Public Assistance Program ("PAP") for Sypertyphoon Paka; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") is a Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") grant associated with disasters but completely separate from the Public Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the RCO by default has absorbed the public assistance and mitigation needs for other natural disasters which have afflicted the Island since it's inception, including earthquakes, Typhoon Chata'an and Supertyphoon Pongsona; and

**WHEREAS**, the function and mission of the OCD clearly encompass the effort, duties and responsibilities of the "recovery" associated with the PAP, and the "mitigation" of the HMGP, therefore the RCO (PAP) and the HMGP should be placed within the OCD to consolidate the mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery for Guam disasters under the OCD, Guam's Emergency Management Agency, being mindful of FEMA's mission to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from our Nation's disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, most other jurisdictions in the nation have their recovery and mitigation offices within their emergency management office; and

**WHEREAS**, a concerted effort by the OCD with the functions of the RCO and the HMGP would enable Guam's emergency management office to effectively and adequately mitigate the hazardous effects of a natural disaster and expeditiously recover from the devastation of past and any future natural disasters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO**, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby order as follows:



**Section I. Invocation of Organic Act Authority to Reorganize.**

I hereby invoke my authority, as Governor, to reorganize the Executive Branch of the Government of Guam pursuant to 48 U.S.C. § 1422c(c).

**Section II. Placement of the Recovery Coordination Office under the Office of Civil Defense.**

The Recovery Coordination Office ("RCO") and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP") are hereby placed under the Office of Civil Defense ("OCD").

**Section III. Director of Department.**

The Administrator of the OCD shall have supervisory control over the RCO and the HMGP.

**Section IV. Divisions of Department.**

The powers of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* pursuant to 48 U.S.C. § 1422c(c) are hereby assigned and delegated to the Administrator for the following purposes:

- A. To organize the OCD as deemed necessary to promote managerial and operational efficiency of the OCD, and to assign or appoint, with the advice and consent of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, such qualified employees in the classified or unclassified service to administer and supervise the RCO and the HMGP, subject to compliance with the applicable government of Guam rules and regulations and laws of Guam.
- B. To establish such programs as are necessary to the functioning of the OCD.
- C. To undertake any and all necessary measures to organize the internal structure of the OCD and to facilitate maximum administrative efficiency within the OCD, subject to the laws of Guam.
- D. To execute any documents or instruments necessary to carry out the full intents and purposes of this Executive Order.

**Section V. Transfer of Responsibilities**

Except as provided for in this Executive Order, all programs, mandates, responsibilities and duties of the existing RCO and the HMGP are transferred to OCD.

**Section VI. Maintenance of Effort of Federal Funding**

The OCD shall undertake and ensure full continuance, operation, and maintenance of effort for such programs currently established under the RCO and the HMGP for which federal funding or support has been attained, and shall meet all reporting and other requirements pursuant to such assistance or funding.

**Section VII. Transfer of Funds and Assets**

All balances held in revolving funds, and all funds available to the RCO and the HMGP shall be transferred to the OCD. All supplies, equipment, and all material assets of the RCO and the HMGP shall be transferred to the OCD.

**Section VIII. Transition Period.**

Sections II – VII of this Executive Order shall take effect thirty (30) days after the enactment of this Executive Order. Until that time, the directors of the RCO and OCD shall undertake such activity as is necessary to effect the intents, purposes, and mandates of this Executive Order, including execution of any and all necessary documents and instruments, and to ensure the smooth transfer of employees, assets, and funding pursuant to the provisions of this Executive Order.



**Section IX. Request to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan***

This Executive Order shall serve as an official request to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to enact any other measures necessary and appropriate to carry out the full intents and purposes of this Executive Order.

**Section X. Repealer**

Any Executive Order heretofore promulgated in conflict herewith is hereby repealed insofar as any conflict is concerned.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagåtña, Guam this 15th day of March  
2004.

**FELIX P. CAMACHO**  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam