



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910  
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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004-10**

**RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (DMHSA) AS THE LEAD GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ENTITY FOR ADDRESSING UNDERAGE DRINKING AMONG GUAM'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH POPULATION AND THE COMMUNITY-AT-LARGE.**

**WHEREAS**, 11 G. C. A. § 3419 prohibits the selling of alcoholic beverages to minors;

**WHEREAS**, 11 G. C. A. § 3619 makes it illegal for minors to purchase or possess alcoholic beverages;

**WHEREAS**, 11 G. C. A. § 3410 forbids minors from entering establishments where alcoholic beverages are consumed with exceptions however;

**WHEREAS**, violators of any of these provisions shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor;

**WHEREAS**, it is reported by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CDC) in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System ("BRFSS") that underage drinking is prevalent among Guam's youth;

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey reports that 71.3% of Guam's high school students have had at least one drink of an alcoholic beverage, with 8.5% of all high school students having had their first drink at eight years of age or younger;

**WHEREAS**, of this 71.3%, 17% of these students state that they have gone binge drinking, and 10% have driven a car after drinking alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, 37% of these students have reported to have been in a vehicle driven by someone who has had been drinking in the past month;

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, BRFSS data indicate that 8.3% of adults on Guam are chronic alcohol drinkers, as compared to 5.9% of adults nationally;

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, 17.7 % of adults 18 years and older on Guam reported to binge drink; as compared to 16.1 percent nationwide;

**WHEREAS**, prevention is an ordered set of steps along a continuum to promote individual, family and community health that discourages the use of alcohol (tobacco and other drugs) by minors as well as the use of illicit drugs and abuse of licit drugs by adults;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse ("DMHSA"), with the support and commitment of other government and private health and safety systems will



include “Underage Drinking” as a priority in Guam’s State Prevention Framework to strategically:

- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse;
- Reduce substance abuse-related problems in communities; and
- Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels.

**WHEREAS**, “Underage Drinking” strategies to reduce the appeal and availability of alcohol to minors may incorporate the strengthening, establishment and enforcement of laws designed to:

- Increase alcohol taxes;
- Control the number of alcohol outlets on Guam;
- Train and license servers and sellers of alcoholic beverages;
- Enforce “ID” checks at establishments that prohibit entry by minors;
- Conduct island-wide alcohol vendor compliance checks, similar to Synar Inspections with tobacco vendors; and
- Deter third-party sales whereby an adult intentionally purchases alcohol beverages for minors.

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive “Underage Drinking” strategies that will be developed for Guam will work with the strengths of Guam’s youth and families and address necessary changes in attitude and behavior within community norms and practices regarding underage drinking;

**WHEREAS**, these comprehensive “Underage Drinking” strategies for Guam will address cultural practices that influence excessive consumption of alcohol beverages through education and establishment of alcohol-related social and policy environments that support sustainable, prevention, early intervention, and treatment services.

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

The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse will serve as lead agency for the development and implementation of Guam’s Underage Drinking Initiatives, as part of the State Prevention Framework, State Incentive Grant (SPF/SIG), and will collaborate with the following partnering agencies in the government and private sector:

- a) Department of Public Works, Office of Highway Safety
- b) Guam Police Department
- c) Department of Youth Affairs
- d) Department of Education
- e) Department of Revenue and Taxation
- f) Department of Public Health and Social Services
- g) Bureau of Statistics and Plans
- h) Department of Commerce
- i) Agency for Human Resources Development
- j) Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority
- k) Guam Educational Telecommunications, Corp.
- l) Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority
- m) Guam Public Library System
- n) University of Guam
- o) Guam Community College



- p) Mothers Against Drunk Driving
- q) Youth for Youth Organization
- r) Sanctuary, Inc.
- s) *Ina fa' Maolek, Inc.*
- t) Private Schools on Guam
- u) Organizations that Represent Parents, Civic and Ethnic Groups on Guam

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Hagåtña, Guam this 22nd of June, 2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "F. Camacho".

**FELIX P. CAMACHO**

*I Maga' Låhen Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "K. Moylan".

**KALEO S. MOYLAN**  
*I Segundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

