



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2005 - 16

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT THE MITIGATION AND RESTORATION OF "TOLAI ACHO TALEYFAC" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGAT

WHEREAS, the *Tolai Acho Taleyfac* was originally constructed in 1785 under the administration of Spanish Governor Cerain; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*, was originally constructed out of wood and later replaced with a permanent stone structure expanding 36 feet long with two masonry arch bridge; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac* is one of a series of bridges that connected Umatak and Hagatna during the Spanish period; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac* is now placed on the National Register of Historic Sites; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*, is recognized as a tourist attraction as well as a village icon that has been a symbol for the people of Agat; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*, commonly know as The Spanish Bridge, has fallen victim to destruction from natural catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*, most recently is marred by the collapse of the southern seawall arch, measuring 12 feet by 5 feet, and about two feet below making the bridge dangerously unstable; and

WHEREAS, *Tolai Acho Taleyfac* continues to erode with the frequent surge of high water tides and the outflow of water from up stream the Taleyfac River; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation, Historic Resources Division has assessed the damage to *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*; and

WHEREAS, the research and evaluation have been completed, and the mitigation, restoration and preservation of *Tolai Acho Taleyfac* be immediately implemented.

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

1. That a *Save Tolai Acho Taleyfac* Task Force be convened to immediately implement the mitigation and restoration project to save *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*.
2. That the Chairman of the Task Force shall be the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Vice Chair will be the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and assisted by the State Historic Preservation Officer to minimize any visual impact onto *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*.
3. The Taskforce shall be comprised of directors or representatives from the following: the Department of Public Works and the Chief Engineer of the Engineering Division,



the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Historic Resources Division Site Preservation Officer, Guam Historic Review Board and Guam Preservation Trust, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, The Bureau of Statistics and Plans Coastal Management Division, the Department of Land Management, the Recovery Office, and the Office of the Governor.

4. Each subcommittee of the Task force shall be chaired by an appointed member of the Task force, as designated by the Governor of Guam.
5. The Task Force shall meet as determined by its members until the completion of the mitigation and restoration of the project.
6. The Task Force is authorized to and shall engage in the following activities:
 - a. Identify current level of funds for the mitigation and restoration efforts of *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*.
 - b. Identify all possible funding sources for the mitigation and restoration of *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*, to include, but not limited to, the solicitation of grants and other sources such as the Guam Preservation Trust funds.
 - c. Approve the scope and design of the mitigation and restoration efforts so as not to deviate from the original and historic features of *Tolai Acho Taleyfac*.
 - d. Prepare plans for the mitigation and restoration of other historic sites as deemed necessary by the members of the Task Force.
 - e. Coordinate with all government departments, agencies, instrumentalities and other public entities necessary to accomplish the specified objective. All affected agencies and other public entities shall cooperate fully with the Task Force's mission.
7. The Task Force shall submit a report to *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* at the completion of the project.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at the Capital City of Hagåtña, Guam this 23rd day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, *Anno Domini*, Two Thousand Five.

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

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

