



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2007-18

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING "TOBACCO FREE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT POLICY FOR THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM"

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of Guam provides that *I Maga'låhen Guahan*, Governor of Guam, is charged with the public health services for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Guam Public Law 28-80, the *Natasha Act*, regulates smoking in order to protect the health of employees and patrons while at Guam's establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Prevention and Early Intervention Community Empowerment Council 2006 Guam Epidemiological Drug Survey reported that Guam has the highest rate of smoking among all US States and Territories and the top three causes of death on Guam---heart disease, cancer and stroke---are all directly related to smoking; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Surgeon General has determined that the simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but will not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke (SHS) are two of the largest preventable causes of premature death today; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the risk of acute myocardial infarction and coronary heart disease associated with exposure to tobacco smoke can occur even at low doses; and

WHEREAS, workplaces that permit smoking result in higher worker absenteeism due to respiratory disease, lower productivity, higher cleaning and maintenance costs, increased health insurance rates, and increased liability claims for diseases related to exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, creating tobacco-free environments at the workplace is an evidence-based intervention that is supported by the World Health Organization, the Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the US National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and other health organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Branch of the Government of Guam is committed to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive work environment for its employees, patrons and visitors.

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



1. GovGuam Executive Branch Tobacco Free Workplace Environment Department Policy. In light of these findings, and recognizing that a tobacco-free workplace environment promotes the reduction of tobacco use among smokers and the protection of non-smokers from second hand smoke, the Executive Branch shall provide a tobacco-free workplace environment for all employees, patrons and visitors beginning May 31, 2007 and that 100% of the GovGuam Executive Branch will be in compliance by December 31, 2007;
2. GovGuam Tobacco Free Cessation Program. The Department of Public Health & Social Services shall serve as the lead agency to plan, coordinate and provide for Tobacco Free Cessation Programs and shall share with the training resources with the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse and the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. The Department of Administration shall coordinate with the Department of Mental Health to ensure the coordination of tobacco cessation education workshops and identify those employees through evaluations and surveys who desire to quit smoking or chewing tobacco;
3. Tobacco Free Workplace Environment Department Policy. The Department of Administration shall serve as the lead agency to develop a model government-wide policy and coordinate and assist line agencies in the implementation of this Tobacco Free Workplace Environment Policy. All Directors of the Executive Branch shall adopt the Tobacco Free Workplace Environment Policy;
4. Department Tobacco Free Workplace Environment Policy Implementation Notice. All Directors of the Executive Branch shall make available and visible the Tobacco Free Environment Department Policy for employees, clients, and visitors.
5. Compliance Reporting. The Director of Administration shall submit a monthly listing to *I Segundu Maga'låhen Guåhan*, the Lieutenant Governor of Guam, of those Departments in compliance with the policy;
4. The Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Guam and the Speaker of the Guam Legislature are called to join similar action to implement and enforce a 100% Tobacco Free Workplace Environment Policy in their respective worksite environments by the end of calendar year 2007 making all three (3) Branches of the Government of Guam a healthier environment for its employees, patrons and visitors.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 27 day of November, 2007.

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

COUNTERSIGNED:

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Segundu Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

