



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2009-15

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO
EXPEDITE THE ISLAND-WIDE PREPARATION AND RECOVERY
FROM TROPICAL STORM (18W)**

WHEREAS, as of 9:00 p.m., CST, Sunday, September 27, 2009, the Government of Guam has been advised by the National Weather Service, that Guam and the southern Mariana Islands have been placed on Tropical Storm Watch (tropical storm conditions possible within 24 hours); and

WHEREAS, as of 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2009, the Government of Guam has been advised by the National Weather Service, that Tropical Storm (18W) will be making its closest point of approach to the island of Guam at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Center at the Office of Civil Defense has been established and Emergency Support Function (ESF) Coordinators have been activated to duty as of 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2009, in preparation for the onset of potential damaging winds and rains from Tropical Storm (18W); and

WHEREAS, as of 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009, the Department of Education has opened emergency shelters at public schools throughout Guam for residents displaced from their homes and seeking safe refuge from the damaging winds and rain expected from Tropical Storm (18W); and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam is in need of heavy equipment for use throughout the island in anticipation of heavy rainfall, widespread flooding, and heavy accumulation of debris island-wide caused by Tropical Storm (18W); and

WHEREAS, the Government is now in dire need of funds and resources to pay for basic equipment and rental, supplies, personnel overtime costs, and other response and recovery expenses that will be borne in order to get the recovery process underway and to ensure that the basic needs of the people of Guam are met; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, have been informed of current activities related to the response to and recovery from potential disaster situations and is awaiting further advisement to assist the Government of Guam with its preliminary damage assessments;

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

1. **Declaration of State of Emergency.** A state of emergency is hereby declared for the island of Guam as a result of Tropical Storm (18W);
2. **Preliminary Damage Assessments.** All department and agency heads of the Government of Guam are hereby directed to conduct preliminary damage assessments in conjunction with the Office of Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, as soon as the island is returned to Condition of Readiness 4;



3. **Reporting Requirement.** As much as possible, initial reports on preliminary damage assessments and expenses are due from all departments and agencies within Twenty-four (24) hours from the date of this Executive Order;
4. **Emergency procurement and emergency expenses.** Pursuant to 5 G.C.A. § 5215 authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, and 5 G.C.A. § 22402 authorizing the Governor to utilize no more than \$250,000.00 from General Fund appropriations for the Executive Branch for expenses resulting from civil defense, public safety or healthcare emergencies, this Executive Order authorizes the Director of Bureau of Budget Management Research (BBMR) to transfer to the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for funding this Executive Order and authorizes emergency procurement to provide goods and services to respond to the island-wide preparation and recovery from Tropical Storm (18W);
5. **Authorization to process purchase orders.** Notwithstanding the Fiscal Year 2009 Closing, the Department of Administration will continue to accept and/or register Purchase Orders issued in response to this Emergency Executive Order until October 2, 2009;
6. **Overtime Authorization.** This Executive Order shall authorize overtime for exempt and non-exempt employees of the Government of Guam Agencies, line and autonomous, inclusive of the Mayor's Council of Guam, responding to this Executive Order and the island-wide preparation and recovery from Tropical Storm (18W) from 9:00 p.m., September 27, 2009 until 5:00 p.m. October 4, 2009, unless further renewed by the Governor;
7. **Documentation of Expenses.** All departments and agencies are hereby instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approval by the President of the United States to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. BBMR shall provide a written report of the emergency expenditures and its source to the Legislature and the Public Auditor within five (5) days of such transactions; and
8. **Purpose of Emergency Procurement and Expenditure of Funds.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any goods and services provided by the Office of Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense as the lead agency in the provision of goods and services relative to the response and recovery from Tropical Storm (18W); and continuing for Thirty (30) days after the date of this executive order as provided in § 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 30th day of September, 2009.

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

COUNTERSIGNED:

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Segundu Maga'lahen Guahan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

