



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2016-03

**RELATIVE TO DEDICATING AND DESIGNATING THE GUAM
AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY MUSEUM AS
THE "SENATOR ANTONIO 'TONY' M. PALOMO
GUAM AND CHAMORRO EDUCATIONAL FACILITY"**

WHEREAS, Section 1422c(c) of the Organic Act of Guam, Title 48 United States Code, provides 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"; and

WHEREAS, the late Senator Antonio "Tony" Manibusan Palomo was a highly respected journalist, historian, author and academic who served the people of Guam as a senator in the 12th, 14th, and 15th Guam Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Senator Palomo dedicated his life to documenting and protecting the Chamorro language, culture, traditions, identity, and history; and

WHEREAS, for eleven years from December 1995 until his retirement in June 2007, Senator Palomo served as the Director/Administrator of the Guam Museum; and

WHEREAS, Senator Palomo oversaw the operations of a museum exhibit at Adelup until it closed in 2002 due to damage from Typhoon Pongsona. After the typhoon, and using his own resources together with the aid of his children and family members, Senator Palomo personally undertook the task of rescuing the Adelup exhibit and artifacts from certain destruction by transporting the entire exhibit to Tiyan for safekeeping; and



WHEREAS, in 2003, after the closure of the Adelup exhibit, Senator Palomo opened up a museum satellite exhibit at the Guam Premier Outlets (GPO) that portrayed the different eras of Guamanian history. From 2004 to 2008, the satellite exhibit was moved to a larger space at the Micronesia Mall; and

WHEREAS, between the GPO and the Micronesia Mall, approximately 300,000 people visited the Guam Museum's satellite exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Senator Palomo unceasingly worked to preserve Guam's rich history and culture by keeping the mission of the Guam Museum alive despite limited resources, natural disasters, and the lack of a permanent brick and mortar museum. In addition to sponsoring the Annual Museum Week, Senator Palomo sought and actively partnered with community sponsors to bring educational campaigns and traveling exhibits to students, tourists, and military personnel, including but not limited to: Andersen Air Force Base, Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport, Orchid Hotel, Parc Hotel, Malesso Conbento, Chamorro Village, Inarajan Junior High School, and Southern High School; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as the Guam Museum Director/Administrator, Senator Palomo unwaveringly advocated for the construction of a permanent Guam Museum building; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Senator Palomo kickstarted the movement that would eventually lead to the financing and construction of the new Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility Museum by authoring with Dr. Katherine Aguon Executive Order No. 2015-17, "*Relative to Establishing the "Guam Museum Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Task Force,"*" which was signed by Governor Felix P. Camacho on April 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Senator Palomo's vision of an official Guam state museum, and his tireless efforts to build a permanent home for the storage, care, conservation, preservation and study of Guam's cultural, history, literary, fine art and humanitarian heritage, were born out of his love for Guam and its people.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, **EDDIE BAZA CALVO**, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act and laws of Guam, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility is hereby dedicated to, and designated as, the "*Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility.*"
2. All official signage, nameplates, and stationary of the facility shall reflect the name, "*Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility.*" Further, a plaque bearing the name, picture, and a bust and brief history of the contributions of the late Senator Antonio M. Palomo to the people of Guam shall be affixed within a suitable spot in or on the building.
3. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 2nd day of May, 2016.





EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam