

Government of Guam
Office of the Governor
Agana, Guam

Executive Order No. 78-1

Civil Defense Emergency

WHEREAS, Section 8502 of the Government Code of Guam states that:

The term "Civil Defense" shall mean the preparation for the carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which United States military forces or other Federal agencies are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage resulting from disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or by fire, flood, typhoon or other causes; and

WHEREAS, Section 8502 further states:

These functions include, without limitation, fire fighting services, police services, medical and health services, rescue, engineering, air raid warning services, communications, radiological, chemical and other special weapons of defense, evacuation of persons from stricken areas, emergency welfare services (civilian war aid), emergency transportation, plant protection, temporary restoration of public utility services, and other functions related to civilian protection, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for the carrying out of the foregoing functions.

WHEREAS, Section 8502 of the Government Code states that "the Governor ...shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this chapter"; as

WHEREAS, Section 6113 of the Government Code states:

The Governor of Guam is hereby authorized to utilize any part or portion, not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), of outstanding appropriations within the General Fund, for expenses caused by Civil Defense emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a severe earthquake struck Guam at 5:22 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 1978, with an epicenter 20 miles Southwest of Potts Junction, causing undetermined damage and necessitating evacuation of several government and privately-owned public buildings, and requiring immediate engineering surveys to fully determine the present condition of all affected buildings open to the public to safely accommodate the People of Guam; and

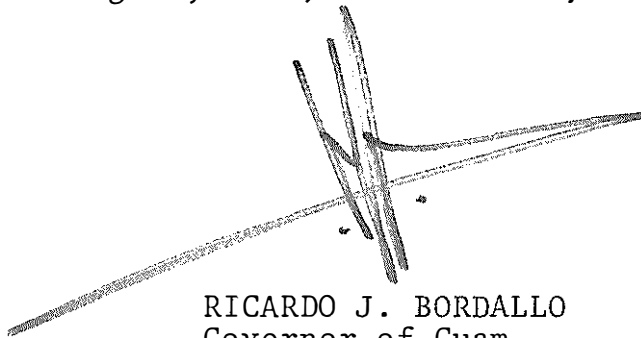
WHEREAS, cases of electrical power outages from ruptured underground and overhead facilities require unprogrammed repair services; and

WHEREAS, a complete engineering survey of all major water and sewer distribution systems is required to ensure adequate water and sanitary service, particularly in view of the already critical water supply condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ricardo J. Bordallo, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and by the aforestated sections of the Government Code of Guam do hereby declare that as of 5:22 p.m., Friday, January 27, 1978, a Civil Defense Emergency exists in the Territory of Guam, and further order that said declaration of state of emergency shall remain in effect until rescinded by Executive Order of the Governor of Guam.


I further order that all Departments and Agencies of the Government of Guam prepare to provide any and all emergency preparatory services to assure the protection of the lives and property of the People of Guam, and to maintain the essential health and welfare services to the People of Guam.

Signed and promulgated at Agana, Guam, this 28th day of January, 1978.



RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



RUDOLPH G. SABLAN
Lieutenant Governor