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"; and
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, Fleet Weather Central has issued information indicating that a typhoon with winds over 175 m.p.h. is headed towards Guam; and

WHEREAS, said Typhoon Rita is expected to pass near or over Guam during the morning hours on Tuesday, October 24, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Typhoon Condition 2 was declared by ComNavMar at 6:00 A.M., Monday, October 23, 1978; and

WHEREAS, I as Governor of Guam am declaring Typhoon Condition 2 effective immediately, and plan to declare Typhoon Condition 1 on Monday evening, October 23, 1978;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICARDO J. BORDALLO, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the aforesaid code sections, and the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists, and to hereby assume all the powers and responsibilities vested in me.

I urge all the People of Guam to take all the precautionary measures necessary to protect lives and property.

This emergency situation shall continue until the danger has passed and all recovery efforts have been initiated and the Executive Order rescinding this one has been issued.

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 23rd day of October, 1978.

COUNTERSIGNED:

RUDOLPH G. SABLAN
Lieutenant Governor

RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam