



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 88-16

ADMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-06

GUAM TASK FORCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

WHEREAS, the family is the heart and soul of our island and our future; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse attacks the very fiber of the family and acts as a cancer upon normal, traditional family life; and

WHEREAS, along with the psychological suffering and the negative sociological implications of child sexual abuse, child sexual abuse creates a heavy economic burden on the government, due to increased public assistance benefits for separate maintenance of family members, increased foster care costs for children who have been removed from their home, increased costs to the criminal justice system due to additional court proceedings, increased costs of Public Health and Social Services and Mental Health due to the need for crisis prevention and long term counseling; and

WHEREAS, it has been found that if not treated, child sexual abuse may lead to a cycle of sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse may also contribute to other anti-social behavior which requires intervention by the family court; and

WHEREAS, there is a comprehensive assessment or treatment programs currently available for the victims and families of child sexual abuse within the community; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 300% increase in the report of sexual abuse on Guam in the last two years and an alarming increase of child sexual abuse; and

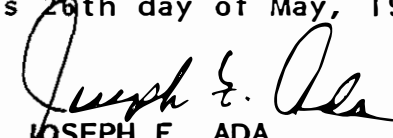
WHEREAS, Executive Order 86-6 has established a GUAM TASK FORCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE to report its findings within 120 days and then be terminated; and

WHEREAS, this TASK FORCE was unable to comply with its mandate due to the inherent difficulties in establishing a sound comprehensive approach to this problem within the requisite time frame;

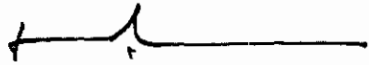


NOW, THEREFORE, I JOSEPH F. ADA, do hereby reestablish the GUAM TASK FORCE ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE to finish its report. The Task Force will terminate when their report is completed and submitted to the Governor.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED this 20th day of May, 1988.


JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam