



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-12
(as amended by Executive Orders 89-15 and 89-17)

ESTABLISHING THE GUAM WAR REPARATIONS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the people of Guam, beginning on December 8, 1941, experienced the atrocities, horrors, hardships and suffering of World War II and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, without prior consultation with the people of Guam, and through the 1951 Peace Treaty with Japan, exonerated the government of Japan from any obligation to pay the people of Guam reparations for the atrocities, horrors, hardships, suffering and personal losses sustained during World War II and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam were not combatants in this war, but simply the victims; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam still bear the scars of this tragic period even today; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam were not citizens of the United States of America during the war years; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has provided compensation to Japanese-Americans who were illegally interned on the west coast of America during World War II; and

WHEREAS, justice demands that after 45 years the people of Guam, who suffered needlessly and expensively, must be compensated in the same manner that others have been; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam cannot be expected to tolerate this injustice indefinitely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby create the GUAM WAR REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

1. The Commission shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Governor who shall serve without compensation and at the Governor's pleasure.
2. The Governor or his designee shall serve as Chairman of the Commission.



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3. The balance of the members of the Commission shall include: Three senators of the Legislative Minority, three senators of the Legislative Majority and four members at large.
4. The Commission shall be responsible for spearheading Guam's efforts to obtain war reparations for the people of Guam, and should do such things and engage in such activities as will promote the attainment of this goal, including, but not limited to:
 - A. Conducting research into the extent and nature of damage and injury suffered by the people of Guam during World War II.
 - B. Compiling and presenting such information to the public and to officials in Washington, D.C.
 - C. Conducting lobbying and public relations efforts both locally and among officials of both the executive and legislative branches of the federal government to obtain just compensation.
 - D. Reviewing and recommending any necessary changes to H.R. 2024, now pending before the United States Congress.
 - E. Any other actions deemed necessary by the Commission for the attainment of its goals.

This order shall be effective upon approval of the Governor and upon filing of said order with the Legislative Secretary of the Guam Legislature.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this 2nd day of June, 1989.


JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:


FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam