



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 92-3

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A GUAM CHRONIC DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, have become the leading causes of morbidity and mortality of Guam;

**WHEREAS**, heart disease, the leading cause of death of Guam affects an estimated 20,000 people, causes an average of 116 deaths, and costs an estimated \$3 - \$4 million annually for treatment;

**WHEREAS**, cancer deaths rank as the second leading cause of death of Guam, and are 1.4 times higher than in the U.S.;

**WHEREAS**, the rate for cerebrovascular disease or stroke was over 2.4 times higher than the U.S. rate and ranks as the third leading cause of death on Guam;

**WHEREAS**, the death rate on Guam for diabetes mellitus is over 5 times higher than the U.S. rate and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death;

**WHEREAS**, chronic diseases affect not only the elderly, but also, the younger adult population who make up a significant part of the community workforce, and these illnesses lead to lost productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, more emphasis is needed on health education and physical fitness, both of which are proven means of promoting healthy lifestyles particularly if introduced in the early years;

**WHEREAS**, certain modifiable risk factors for chronic diseases can be changed or controlled through education and positive changes in high risk behavior and practice;

**WHEREAS**, a broad coalition is needed to achieve the common agenda of reducing risk factors associated with chronic diseases;

**WHEREAS**, a partnership among public and private organizations involved in chronic disease prevention and control is necessary to broaden the base and strengthen the organizational capacity of organizations concerned with chronic diseases;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's conference on Health recognized chronic diseases as a major health problem and adopted the goal of reducing chronic disease mortality and morbidity as a priority goal for the year 2000 and beyond;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam,** by virtue of the authority vested in me by the **Organic Act of Guam**, as amended, do hereby create the **Guam Chronic Disease Advisory Council** and order that:

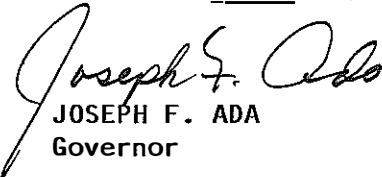


1. Members of the **Guam Chronic Disease Advisory Council** shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
2. The mission of the Council is to:
  - a. Assess the needs of the community and assist in setting priorities for action.
  - b. Develop a **Chronic Disease Prevention** strategic plan which includes health problems identification; problem analysis which incorporates the identification of risk factors, and direct and indirect contributing factors.
  - c. Propose actions to remedy risk factors, remove associated barriers to such remedies, and obtain resources which can contribute to the remedies.
  - d. Recommend priorities for all identified **Chronic Disease Prevention** and control problems.
  - e. Identify appropriate work teams which should coordinate efforts with respect to each chronic disease problem.
  - f. Promote and support reducing chronic disease problems to the community.
  - g. Submit an annual report containing findings, recommendations, and needed legislation to implement the **Chronic Disease Prevention Program**.
  - h. Consider any other issues, programs, or proposals that are appropriately related to the responsibilities of the Council.
  - i. Serve as a communications channel between the community and the **Chronic Disease Prevention Program**.
3. The **Guam Chronic Disease Advisory Council** shall serve as an advisory body to the **Guam Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Program**.
4. The Council shall consist of nine (9) members with representatives from various government agencies, voluntary organizations, private sector, and the community.
5. The Governor shall appoint from among the membership a Chairperson.
6. The **Guam Chronic Disease Advisory Council** shall hold meetings at the call of the Chairperson.

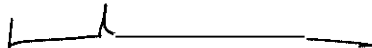


7. The Council shall promulgate by-laws to govern their activities.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED AT AGANA, GUAM this 24th day of January, 1992.

  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor

COUNTERSIGNED:



FRANK F. BLAS  
Lieutenant Governor