



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 93-14 _____

CREATING THE FAMILY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, there is a serious and growing problem of family violence in the Territory of Guam; and

WHEREAS, family violence includes but is not limited to abuse, whether mental, physical, or sexual, committed against a child, an elder, or an adult or fully emancipated minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or a person with whom the perpetrator has had a child or has or had a dating or engagement relationship; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be a more effective and timely response by law enforcement and the courts to this family violence crisis; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for increased funding for existing family violence prevention and treatment services especially for children and for the development and implementation of newly assessed services, including public education and community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, legislation must be enacted to ensure the safety and welfare of victims and their families, and to address other areas of concern regarding family violence.

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 order the establishment of the Family Violence Task Force ("Task Force") to be comprised of and to function as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint one (1) individual from each of the following entities:

Superior Court of Guam
Office of the Attorney General
Public Defender Services Corporation
Guam Legal Services
Guam Police Department
Department of Corrections
Department of Youth Affairs
Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Department of Public Health and Social Services
Victim Advocates Reaching Out (VARO)
Volunteers Are Important People - Crisis Hotline
Catholic Social Services - ALEE Shelter and Shelter
for Abused Children
Mayors Council of Guam

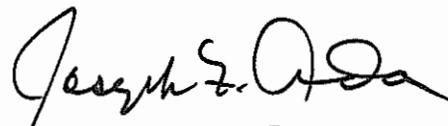


Department of Education
University of Guam
Guam Community College
Naval Hospital
Rape Crisis Center

The Governor may appoint other individuals from the community-at-large to serve on the Task Force, including religious leaders, private businesspersons, and members of civic associations and organizations.

2. The Governor shall designate the Chairperson of the Task Force.
3. Each member of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
4. The Task Force shall submit to the Governor every six (6) months a written report of its findings, policy recommendations, and progress toward achieving its goals. The first report shall be submitted six (6) months after the effective date of this Executive Order.
5. The primary dates, responsibilities, and goals of the Task Force shall be:
 - (a) To develop and implement internal and intra-departmental/agency policy and protocol on domestic violence.
 - (b) To develop, evaluate, and establish prevention and treatment programs for the community-at-large and for targeted groups.
 - (c) To develop and establish a community resource and referral center to disseminate throughout the Territory of Guam educational information and materials concerning family violence.
 - (d) To provide advice on proposed legislation.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam, this **28th** day of **October**, 1993.


JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:


FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam