EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95-09

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS.

WHEREAS, the physical fitness of our citizens is of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, despite an abundance of physical fitness opportunities and activities on Guam, a significant percentage of Guam's population is not physically fit; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for centralized planning and coordinating physical fitness opportunities and activities which will stimulate and encourage physical fitness in Guam's population;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Guam Health Planning and Development Agency is to mobilize human and material resources through assessment and identification of predisposing, enabling, and reinforcing health and health service factors that will be responsive to the Island's needs and other neighboring communities' needs and operate as a between and within health and human service plan through action-oriented wellness policies, guidelines, goals, objectives, laws, and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Guam do hereby order and direct:

1. There is created the "Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports;" all its members to be appointed by the Governor.

2. That the "Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports" be under the authority of the Guam Health Planning and Development Agency (GHPDA), which will render all technical assistance and coordination of the council's activities and responsibilities.
3. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

a) Chairperson, to be chosen by the Governor;
b) One representative each from the department of Education, the University of Guam, and Guam Community College;
c) One representative of Guam's private schools;
d) One representative each from the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy;
e) Four (4) representatives from the government of Guam who shall reflect the interests of various government of Guam departments and agencies including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Guam Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Guam Mayors' Council, and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities; and
f) Four (4) fitness-minded members of the community-at-large who shall be chosen to reflect the various segments of Guam's society including, but not limited to, Guam's youth, Guam's elderly, Guam's business sector, Guam's ethnic and cultural minorities, Guam's churches and Guam's medical community.

4. The Council Members shall serve without compensation for a term of two (2) years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments and members may be reappointed for additional terms.

The Council shall meet at least once each calendar quarter at the call of the Governor, GHPDA, or the Chairperson, and shall be presided over by the Chairperson who shall be responsible for the minutes of each meeting. A simple majority of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority of the quorum shall be required for any Council action. GHPDA shall appoint its secretary to take minutes and provide all clerical support to the council. The Council may elect any other appropriate officers or committees to perform its function.

At least twice each year, the Chairperson shall submit to the Governor and GHPDA a written report of the Council activities. Such report shall reflect the plans, achievements and concerns of the Council and shall be approved by a majority of the quorum prior to submission to the Governor.

5. The major goals of the Council shall be the following:

a) to improve the physical fitness activities in Guam's public and private schools, Guam Community College and the University of Guam;
b) to expand intramural and intramural sporting activities such as baseball, soccer, track and field, swimming, and others;

c) to develop an islandwide program of general physical fitness to be evaluated at an annual event at which Fitness and Sports Awards shall be given;

d) to develop and implement a Physical Fitness and Wellness Program for all government of Guam agencies;

e) to utilize all media and existing public and private organizations in promoting physical fitness on Guam;

f) to disseminate physical fitness materials throughout our community;

g) to develop innovative activities and programs designed to improve the physical fitness of Guam's population and to raise the overall consciousness level concerning personal physical fitness;

h) to affiliate with the National Association of Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports;

i) to collect data on current physical fitness programs and activities on Guam and to evaluate current levels of participation in these activities and levels of fitness of our people, and, if appropriate, to develop plans to improve those levels of fitness;

j) to share physical fitness ideas with other territories, states and countries in the Pacific Basin and to collaborate with them on cooperative physical fitness ventures such as training workshops, and

k) to include the concept of physical fitness under the wellness facet of the Five (5) Year Guam Health Plan and Annual Implementation Plan.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 7th day of April, 1995.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam