



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

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-11**

#### **TO ESTABLISH THE VOLUNTEERS ARE IMPORTANT PEOPLE (VIP) PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90-17.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 9(c) of the Organic Act provides that the Governor shall, from time to time, examine the organization of the Executive Branch of the government of Guam, and shall determine and carry out changes therein as necessary to promote effective management and to execute faithfully the laws of the Organic Act of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) was implemented within the Department of Public Health and Social Services in October of 1976 through a federal grant, reinstated as a separate program under Executive Order 83-06, and thereafter changed to be the Volunteers Are Important People (VIP) in Executive Order 90-17; and

**WHEREAS**, this program of volunteers, which now encompasses both young and old, has been very important to both the volunteers and to those who are served by their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, to more effectively direct the efforts of the volunteers and support the program it is desired that the program be placed under the auspices of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act, as amended, do hereby:

- 1) Transfer the Volunteers are Important People (VIP) as a separate program of the government of Guam within the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;
- 2) Transfer the VIP Advisory Council consisting of Fifteen (15) people appointed by the Governor whose purpose shall be to set policy for the VIP program to be under the jurisdiction of the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;



- 3) Transfer all relevant documents, records, equipment, vehicles, and all current VIP program personnel from the Governor's Office to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;
- 4) Authorize the use of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse budget by the VIP program;
- 5) Advise and urge all governmental departments and agencies to assist the VIP program within the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse to carry out its mission and programs; and
- 6) Rescind Executive Order No. 90-17.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Agaña, Guam this 22nd day of April 1996.

  
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**CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**  
Governor of Guam

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

  
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**MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam