



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-14

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE VIOLENT CRIME AND
DRUG POLICY COORDINATING COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS, narcotics trafficking and the abuse of narcotic substances by our local population is of primary concern to this administration; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of narcotic substances or alcohol are leading contributing factors for most of the violent crimes committed on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the risk of being a victim of a violent crime is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Guam's Criminal Justice System to coordinate its efforts in order to effectively address drug and violent crimes and to improve its overall functioning; and

WHEREAS, the successful effort to combat the importation and abuse of controlled narcotic substances and to combat violent crime requires a coordinated effort on the part of local government agencies, federal agencies and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has demonstrated its commitment to the fight against controlled substances and violent crime through the provision of financial assistance through federal grant-in-aid programs;

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

- 1) Executive Order 87-20 is rescinded and the Drug Policy Coordinating Council is abolished, to be replaced by a Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council;
- 2) the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council is created;
- 3) the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council consists of the following members:
 - a. Director, Customs and Quarantine Agency;
 - b. Director of the Bureau of Planning;
 - c. Attorney General of Guam;
 - d. Chief of Police of the Guam Police Department;



- e. Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam, or designee;
 - f. Chairperson of the Legislature's Committee on Criminal Justice;
 - g. One (1) community representative to be appointed by the Governor.
- 4) The United States Attorney is invited to be a member of the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council.
- 4) the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council shall be responsible for the coordination of the territory's effort against the importation and abuse of controlled substances and for improving the functioning of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on violent crime and serious offenders.
- 5) that the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council shall report to the Governor on a regular basis;
- 6) that the following department and agencies of the government of Guam shall be available as resources, accessible by the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council: the Department of Corrections, the Department of Youth Affairs, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and the Department of Education.
- 7) that the Violent Crime and Drug Policy Coordinating Council shall be responsible in cooperation with the Bureau of Planning for producing a State Strategy for the use of funds available to the territory under the Edward Bryne Memorial State and Local Assistance Law Enforcement Grant Program.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Tamuning, Guam this 21st day of May, 1996.

Handwritten signature of Carl T. C. Gutierrez in black ink.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

Handwritten signature of Don Parkinson in black ink.

DON PARKINSON
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam