

TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-18

RELATIVE TO NAMING THE MANGILAO BASEBALL FIELD IN HONOR OF THE LATE GEORGE WILLIAM "BILL" PEREIRA MUÑA, LONG TIME COACH, SPORTS ORGANIZER, TEAM COORDINATOR FOR ALL LEVELS OF BASEBALL, AS WELL AS MUSICIAN, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND FAMILY MAN.

WHEREAS, the late George William Pereira Muña, affectionately known as "Uncle Bill", born on December 26, 1937 to Colonel Juan Muña and Rita Pereira Muña and passed away on October 15, 1994; a member of a family of 13 brothers and sisters and 10 reared children, touched the lives of many, many young people through his involvement for over 20 years in all levels of baseball; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muña was married to Ann Atoigue Muña, and his children are Mark, Annmarie, Donna, Tina, Jeni, John, Linette, Juan Muña, and Jason and his grandchildren are Matthew, Derrick, Tiffany, JB, Coby, PJ, Jathan, Briana, Juan-Juan, Nicole and William; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muña, in his role as organizer of local baseball, developed young lives through sports and competition; he was a catalyst for Pony, Babe Ruth, and GML baseball leagues in the Seventies and Eighties; he involved thousands of athletes age 8 years old to the adult level; he served as an advisor and mentor for these organizations up until his death in October, 1994, and touched the lives of literally thousands of athletes, many of whom now coach or run the leagues that he organized and helped to maintain; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muña served as a Baseball Coach, General Manager, and Team Coordinator for all levels of organized baseball on Guam, including the Guam Major League Atkins Kroll Islanders and the Babe Ruth Mangilao Braves; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muña also served as Assistant Commissioner for Babe Ruth 13-15 League for 10 years since 1984; managed the 13-15 All Stars in 1983 in the Regional Tournament in Carson City, Nevada; and took the Guam 16-18 All Stars to the Pacific Southwest Regionals in Brawley, California; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his involvement with the sport of baseball, Bill Muña was also well known as a musician, entertainer, and band leader; he was the leader of numerous bands over many years, the most recent and well-known being the "Compadres"; Bill and his fellow musicians entertained thousands of people and Bill was truly the "Leader of the Band"; and

WHEREAS, Bill Muña was the embodiment of Chamorro caring and hospitality, and, in addition to raising 9 children with his wife, Ann, he opened his home to 7 youths from Ulithi, paying their tuition, housing and rearing them as his own children, and also educated, housed and reared 15 other Guamanian children; Bill also opened his large, backyard kitchen, humorously labeled "Billy Bangkok's Fat Farm", to many celebrations, and assisted non-profit organizations such as the Babe Ruth League to raise funds for their charitable causes; and



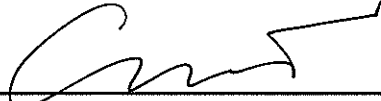
WHEREAS, in keeping with Island traditions, Bill hosted a huge fiesta every year in honor of Mangilao's patron saint, Santa Teresita, uniting his family and friends and including thousands of visitors throughout the island; this fiesta celebration was sponsored by the "Pungco" family clan which continues to carry on this tradition even now; and

WHEREAS, in loving memory of the invaluable contributions to our island by the late Bill Muña in the field of athletics, music, community service, and practice of Chamorro cultural traditions in a BIG way; and in honor of the man who cared for his fellow human beings, made us laugh, shared our tears, always thoughtful and compassionate;

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

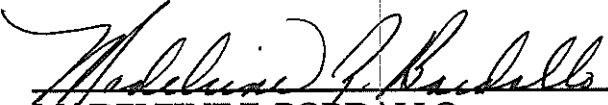
1. The Mangilao Baseball Field, located directly behind the Mangilao Community Center and across the Santa Teresita Church, is hereby named the "Bill Muña Ball Park".
2. Appropriate ceremonies will take place to commemorate this dedication and Department of Parks and Recreation will provide proper signage on the site.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 7th day of July, 1996.



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam