



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-13

**RELATIVE TO IMPLEMENTING GUAM'S TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the national welfare reform law, the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996" (PRWORA) enacted on August 22, 1996 requires state and territorial agencies to implement a new Temporary Assistance of Needy Families (TANF) program by July 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the new TANF Program requires welfare recipients to engage in work activities upon two years of receipt of public assistance and sets a five-year lifetime limit on public assistance benefits; and

WHEREAS, a Welfare Reform Task Force, established in August 1996, chaired by the Department of Public Health and Social Services with members of various government agencies and the community, reviewed the current program rules and regulations, and developed an implementation plan for welfare reform appropriate for Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force submitted written recommendations to revise certain rules and regulations currently in effect for the Public Assistance Programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed State Plan for Guam's TANF Program which reflects recommendations of the Task Force, was submitted to the Guam State Clearinghouse and the federal grantor agency in January 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health and Social Services held a public hearing on the proposed plan on January 29, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Guam is mandated by federal law to implement its TANF Program not later than July 1, 1997 or lose federal financial participation in the operation of Guam's welfare 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: Beginning July 1, 1997, Guam will operate its welfare programs under the authority of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families State Plan.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agaña, Guam this 16th day of June, 1997.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam