



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-18

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A CIVIL DEFENSE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE  
EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS  
ACTIVITIES.**

**WHEREAS,** the Civil Defense Advisory Council contained in Guam law in §65104 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, was first enacted by the First Guam Legislature in Public Law No. 1-88 in 1952 as first codified as §8504 of the Government Code, and

**WHEREAS,** the membership as specified in that 45 year old law no longer serves the purpose of a modern advisory council for emergency and disaster preparedness, and in fact, many of the agencies and entities to be represented as specified in that Public Law no longer exist; and

**WHEREAS,** an "Earthquake Advisory Council" was established by Executive Order No. 94-04 and there are currently 8 members serving on this council; and

**WHEREAS,** the territory of Guam is a member of several emergency management for disaster preparedness national programs, such as the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program; the National Emergency Management Association, the National Hurricane Center; and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, among others; and

**WHEREAS,** the territory of Guam has been classified as a high risk typhoon, earthquake, and tsunami region, notwithstanding other venues of natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS,** all agencies of the government of Guam have substantial responsibilities in emergency management of disaster preparedness which involves mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need to provide a consistent policy framework and means for the continuity of developing a comprehensive emergency management policy by respective professional personnel in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to accomplish this consistent policy framework, it is necessary to establish a Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council which embraces the wide variety of needs relative to disaster preparedness; and

**WHEREAS,** the Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council will need to form other advisory committees: An Earthquake Advisory Committee, the Hurricane/Cyclone Advisory Committee, the Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee and the Guam Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee, for example;



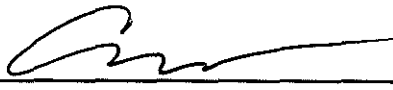
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

1. There is created the Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council for the territory of Guam, composed of members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor, to provide policy, guidance and direction for the implementation of emergency management and disaster preparedness in accordance to FEMA promulgated laws, rules, and regulations and procedures that are befitting the territory of Guam; and
2. The Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council shall coordinate, inform, advise, and make recommendations to the governor on matters pertaining to the Territorial Emergency Management of Disaster Preparedness; and
3. The Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council ("Council") may:
  - a. appoint advisory committees from interested public and private groups,
  - b. recommend or advise to obtain any professional services and research required by the Council or required for the performance of necessary work and services which, in the Council's opinion, cannot satisfactorily be performed by its officers or committees; and
  - c. enter into cooperative agreements with government agencies and private non-profit scientific, educational, professional associations, or foundations engaged in activities related to emergency management for disaster preparedness in Guam; and
  - d. request agencies to devise criteria to assist in promoting all 4 major components of emergency management: mitigation, disaster preparedness, response, and recovery; and
  - e. make recommendations to program changes to government and business sectors where such changes would improve in Guam's emergency management capabilities; and
  - f. review the recovery and reconstruction efforts after damaging natural or man-made disasters; and
  - g. analyze and disseminate information to respective individuals, groups, and agencies having jurisdiction towards the development of the Office of Civil Defense's emergency management capabilities; and
  - h. encourage research; and
  - i. sponsor training to be held to improve the competence of the specialized enforcement and other technical personnel.
4. Executive Order No. 94-04 is rescinded. The members of the Earthquake Seismic Advisory Council are transferred to be members of an

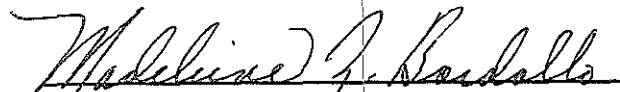


Earthquake Advisory Committee formed under the Guam Civil  
Defense Advisory Council.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED** at Agana, Guam this 4th day of August, 1997.

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

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

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