



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U. S. A.  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-47

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND FOR EXEMPTION FROM PROHIBITION ON OVERTIME COMPENSATION FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE PUBLIC DURING AND AFTER THE PASSAGE OF SUPERTYPHOON PAKA, DECEMBER 16, 1997.

WHEREAS, Supertyphoon Paka, a storm containing sustained winds of approximately 160 mph with gusts to 195 mph, with some gusts clocked at Andersen Air Force Base up to 220 mph, passed directly over Guam on the evening of December 16, 1997, moving at only 8 mph and devastating our island; and

WHEREAS, Supertyphoon Paka caused damage of approximately One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) throughout the island to the civilian community, from the northernmost village of Yigo to the southernmost village of Merizo; and

WHEREAS, preliminary assessment shows that virtually all families suffered damage to homes, belongings, or crops due to the supertyphoon; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated and hard-working men and women of the Guam Fire Department worked round the clock responding to the need for public safety and assistance due to the damages to the island in the aftermath of Supertyphoon Dale;

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 hereby order the following:

1) **Declaration of state of emergency.** Whereas the Governor established a state of emergency on Guam by declaring Typhoon Condition I on December 16, 1997, and although Typhoon Condition IV is reestablished, a state of emergency continues relative to the damage from this supertyphoon.

2) **Emergency procurement and emergency expenses.** Pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, the Guam Fire Department is authorized to utilize emergency procurement procedures for immediate procurement by the Guam Fire Department to provide goods and services relative to those affected by damage from Supertyphoon Paka.

3) **Further authorization for emergency procurement unnecessary.** The authorization for the certification, approval, and expenditure of necessary funds pursuant to §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated and §22402 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, shall be this Executive Order, subject only to the exhaustion of identified funds. Any funds not so expended shall revert to the General Fund.

4) **Purpose of emergency procurement and expenditure of funds.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any goods and services provided by the Guam Fire Department in the provision of goods and services of the

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the evening of December 16, 1997, and continuing for Thirty (30) days as provided in §5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

5) **Exemption from overtime prohibition of Executive Order No. 95-11.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Executive Order No. 95-11, all employees of the Guam Fire Department who work overtime hours from December 16, 1997 until notified that the immediate response to the emergency is completed are authorized to receive overtime pay, whether or not their positions are supervisory in nature, or are listed or not listed in the attachment to Executive Order No. 95-11. Overtime hours shall be as authorized by the Chief, Guam Fire Department.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 17th day of December, 1997.**

Handwritten signature of Carl T. C. Gutierrez.

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

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

Handwritten signature of Antonio R. Unpingco.

**ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO**  
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam