



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-49

PRICE FREEZE ON GOODS AND SERVICES TO PRICE LEVELS IN EFFECT ON DECEMBER 15, 1997, THE DAY BEFORE 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

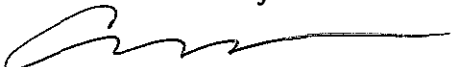
WHEREAS, in the time between the passage of Supertyphoon Paka and the date of this Executive Order, the Consumer Protection Unit of the Attorney General's Office has received numerous reports from consumers that various merchants are taking advantage of our recent catastrophe and are increasing prices on goods that consumers need most after the devastating supertyphoon;

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to freeze prices for Thirty (30) days to the level that they were on the day before a disaster occurs on those items that are in short supply or in danger of being in short supply as a result of the disaster;

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) **Freezing of prices on goods and services.** Pursuant to §32201 (c) (21) (iii) of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing the Governor to freeze prices on goods and services due to price gouging after a disaster strikes our island, all items for which demand will exceed supply shall be sold only at the price that the items were offered to the public for sale on December 15, 1997. Examples of items to which this freeze applies are those goods and services most in demand before and after a typhoon; including, but not limited to food, water, batteries, gasoline, petroleum products, flashlights, radios, and other normal essentials of daily living, as well as those items frequently destroyed such as bedding, clothing, carpeting, housewares, and construction materials. §32201 (c) (21) (iii) of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated allows a merchant to add to the normal sales prices of the goods and the increased import cost of the goods, for all goods normally imported by sea, and incremental freight costs caused as a result of air freight actually incurred. This freeze on the prices of goods and services shall remain in effect for Thirty (30) days.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 19th day of December, 1997.



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO