



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-51

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A DISASTER HOUSING
OFFICE TO MEET THE TRANSITIONAL AND
TEMPORARY HOUSING NEEDS IN THE AFTERMATH
OF SUPERTYPHOON PAKA.**

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, there is estimated to be at least 2,000 families whose homes are uninhabitable, and who are presently housed either in schools, hotels, or sharing with relatives; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly meet the transitional and temporary housing needs of the displaced residents of Guam, a Disaster Housing Office is needed to coordinate and manage the transitional and temporary housing, as well as to submit requisitions for procurement, to account for funds expended, and obtain reimbursement on behalf of the government for transitional and temporary housing; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that transitional housing, located at Andersen South Housing area, will be operational for 4-6 weeks, and that thereafter, temporary housing will be operational for as long as 18 months;

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 **Disaster Housing Office** is created, to coordinate efforts and provide for management of transitional housing for 4-6 weeks, and temporary housing for up to 18 months.
2. **Transitional housing** (4-6 weeks) will be located at Andersen South Housing area, and will be known as "Liheng-ta". Liheng-ta will be provided with food. Transitional housing may also be located in hotels and other dormitory facilities in the civilian market. The Governor shall certify infirm and disabled people who have special housing needs, such as access to air conditioning, due to their physical conditions, to be accommodated in available housing with the needed characteristics.



3. **Temporary housing** (up to 18 months) will be located on military land and at other sites, and are necessitated for persons and families displaced as a result of Supertyphoon Paka.
4. A **temporary Director** shall manage the Disaster Housing Office. The temporary Director shall be appointed by the Governor.
5. The temporary Director shall have the following **duties and responsibilities**:
 - a) coordinate all efforts to make transitional and temporary housing ready to inhabit;
 - b) provide for the day-to-day management of the transitional and temporary housing;
 - c) provide for meals to be served in the transitional housing;
 - d) submit requisitions for procurement through the federal programs applicable and through local procurement processes; and
 - e) to provide for the accounting of expenditure of funds and the reimbursement of those funds to the extent authorized.
3. This Executive Order shall remain in effect for the duration of the housing, procurement, and accountability of funds needed on behalf of persons and families displaced by the ravages of Supertyphoon Paka at the Liheng-Ta transitional housing facility and other transitional housing facilities, as well as the temporary housing program.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 23rd day of December, 1997.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Lieutenant Governor of Guam