



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97-52**

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNMENT OF  
GUAM RECOVERY COORDINATION OFFICE (PAKA  
OFFICE) FOR GUAM'S RECOVERY AFTER  
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**, on December 17, 1997, (December 18, 1997 Guam time) President Clinton declared Guam a federal disaster area as a result of the significant damages caused by Supertyphoon Paka; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Presidential disaster declaration, numerous federal grants-in-aid programs are now available to the people and government of Guam to assist in recovery, including the Public Assistance Program which generally, is a program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency that is designed to provide federal assistance in returning public facilities and infrastructure, including facilities owned and managed by nonprofit organizations, to pre-disaster conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the government of Guam have determined that records retained to document expenditures under the PAP for Supertyphoon Paka must be kept separate and apart from records of other typhoons, particularly Typhoons Omar, Yuri, and Russ to ensure proper accountability and expeditious financial reimbursement for eligible expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to create, within the Office of the Governor, an office to coordinate completion of recovery projects and ensure accountability for the funds received under the PAP; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest to ensure that proper accountability for expenditures of local and federal funds during and after recovery operations is pursued and maintained;

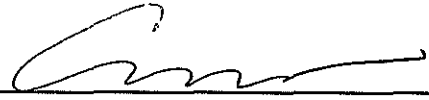
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ**, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act do order:

1. **Government of Guam Recovery Coordination Office (Paka Office).** The Government of Guam Recovery Coordination Office is created to coordinate the application of the Public Assistance Program (PAP) for Supertyphoon Paka.




2. **Duties and responsibilities of (Paka Office).** The Paka Office shall:
  - a) coordinate all agency activities
  - b) be the grantee for all federal funding received under the PAP
3. **Subgrantees of Public Assistance Program.** The following may be subgrantees of the Public Assistance Program, as designated by the Paka Office:
  - a) each government of Guam autonomous agency,
  - b) each line agency of the government of Guam,
  - c) eligible non profit organizations, and
  - d) Disaster Housing Office created under Executive Order No. 97-51.
4. **Accountability of expenditures.** Each designated subgrantee shall keep detailed records of all expenditures pursuant to the authority of Public Law No. 24-117 which are made by each subgrantee agency or organization and such records shall meet criteria allowing them to be subject to public audit. The detailed records shall be submitted to the Paka Office in a form as required by the Paka Office.
5. **A temporary Director** shall manage the Government of Guam Recovery Coordination Office (Paka Office). The temporary Director shall be appointed by the Governor at a salary of \$65,000 per annum. The Paka Office is authorized to hire other staff, at salaries to be approved by the Governor.
6. The temporary Director shall have the following **duties and responsibilities:**
  - a) assist all subgrantees in the preparation and submission of all federally required documentation, including but not limited to damage survey reports, notice of intent to apply for assistance, and all financial documents required by the PAP and Paka Office.
  - b) promulgate guidelines and procedures for all designated subgrantees to follow in preparing documentation and submitting documentation.
7. The Government of Guam Recovery Coordination Office (Paka Office) shall cease to exist upon the final closeout of all federal assistance provided under the Public Assistance Program (PAP) for Supertyphoon Paka.

**SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 30th day of December, 1997.**

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

**COUNTERSIGNED:**

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