



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
U.S.A.**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2013-006

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO ASSIST THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN CONTROLLING THE RECENTLY
INTRODUCED LITTLE FIRE ANT, WHICH POSES SERIOUS HEALTH,
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC THREATS TO THE PEOPLE OF
GUAM**

WHEREAS, the Organic Act of Guam provides that *Maga'Lahen Guahan*, Governor of Guam, is tasked with the responsibility of overseeing the health and safety of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, invasive alien species comprise a grave threat to the environment, public health, safety, welfare, and the economy, and such introduced pests are best controlled when experts take management measures quickly after their introduction is discovered; and

WHEREAS, the little fire ant insect, *Wasmannia auropunctata*, was first noticed in Yigo, Guam, in November 2011. This pest poses a major and immediate threat to agriculture, the environment, and to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, agriculture inspectors have found the little fire ant distributed in about 12 areas, totaling about 10 hectares. A survey of these areas was conducted by the Department of Agriculture and its cooperators at the University of Guam, and meetings have been conducted with stakeholders in an effort to prevent the movement of bananas and other plants that may host the ant, as well as green waste materials and other items that may contain it; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with the University of Guam,



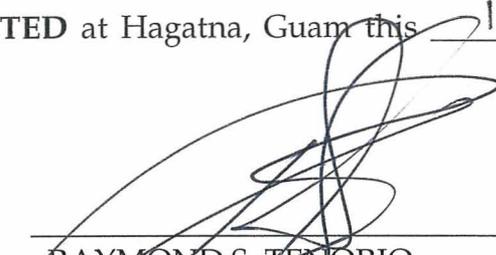
And other local agencies, regional organizations and partners has developed a response plan to control the further spread of the little fire ant on Guam and to attempt the eradication of this pest from the various areas it now infests;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAYMOND S. TENORIO, *I Segundo Maga'Lahen Guahan*, Acting Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do ORDER:

1. **Declaration of State of Emergency.** A state of emergency is hereby declared for the island of Guam in order to assist the Guam Department of Agriculture and any cooperating agencies to control the spread of the little fire ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata*, to attempt the eradication of this pest from the areas of the island where it has been found, and to prevent threats to the environment and the economy of Guam.
2. **Emergency Procurement and Emergency Expenses.** Pursuant to 5 G.C.A. §5215, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, the Department of Agriculture may use emergency procurement guidelines for projects to manage the little fire ant. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to, the purchase of pesticides, enforcement of quarantine provisions, and other activities designed to halt the spread of the ant or effect its eradication. The Bureau of Budget and Management Research and the Department of Administration are ordered to immediately make available funds in the Plant Inspection and Permit Fund for use by the Department of Agriculture's Biosecurity Division for these purposes.
3. **Documentation of expenses.** The Department of Agriculture is hereby instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency procurement expenses for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam.
4. **Purpose of emergency procurement.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any goods and services relative to the control and eradication of the little fire ant on Guam; and continuing for Thirty (30) days after the date of this Executive Order as provided for in § 5215, Chapter 5, of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.



SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagatna, Guam this 12th day of June, 2013.



RAYMOND S. TENORIO
I Segundo Maga'Lahen Guahan
Acting Governor of Guam

