



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HAGÁTÑA, GUAHAN 96910  
U. S. A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010- 06**

**RELATIVE TO CHANGING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF GUAM TO GUAHAN**

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1900s, the appointed Naval Governor of Guam requested that the official designation name of the island be the Isle of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the 1898 Treaty of Paris, *Guahan* was the predominant reference of the island for three (3) centuries, dating back to the Miguel de Legazpi Expedition in 1565 which claimed the Mariana Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the word *Guahan* can be translated to signify “a place that has” and instills indigenous ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving and promoting the Chamorro culture and history remains a paramount priority to the island’s indigenous people; and

**WHEREAS**, reclaiming the name *Guahan* enhances the practice of the Chamorro language and promotes the historic and cultural connection to the Island;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO**, *I Maga’lahen Guahan*, Governor of Guahan, by virtue of the authority vested to me by the Organic Act of Guahan, as amended:

1. Do order all *I Gobietnon Guahan* departments and agencies to apply *Guahan* in business relations, communications, signage, etc. in reference to the island.
2. Encourage *I Liheslaturan Guahan yan i Hustisian Guahan* to adopt the same.
3. Encourage all local businesses and the community at large to apply *Guahan* in reference to the island.
4. Request legislation be enacted re-designating the island of Guam as *Guahan*.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagátña, Guahan this 15 day of February, 2010.

FELIX P. CAMACHO  
*I Maga’lahen Guahan*  
Governor of Guahan

COUNTERSIGNED:

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.  
*I Segundu Maga’lahen Guahan*  
Lieutenant Governor of Guahan

