



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

