



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAHAN 969
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2010 - 17

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, The Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*, acknowledges the importance of independent schools in our community's collective effort towards producing a more educated citizenry and skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* to reach out to independently run schools to bring an alternate perspective to the perennial discussion on improving the state of education for all residents of Guahan; and

WHEREAS, to this end, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* intends to establish an advisory council representative of the island's independent schools and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, the Council's principal purpose is to foster greater inclusivity of independent schools and affiliate organizations in the discourse about education on Guahan, the use of public monies, government mandates and other public policy relative but not limited to the education and welfare of school-aged children; and

WHEREAS, it shall also be the charge of the Council to strive to: establish and promote high quality education; encourage innovation; improve technology literacy; adopt and sustain green and safe campuses; embrace volunteerism in order to further the common good; heighten school community awareness and appreciation for our Pacific peoples; and to work collaboratively with the public schools of Guahan to implement and promote best practices within all schools on Guahan; and

WHEREAS, it is determined that the establishment of the Council is needed in order that a network of independent school educators, administrative and educational support staff, students, parents, and other affiliates be formally assembled and recognized around emerging issues that affect the overall state of our island's education and the development of school-aged children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D., *I Maga'Lahaen Guahan para pa'go*, Acting Governor of Guahan, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guahan, as amended, do order:



1. The creation of "The Governor's Council on Independent Schools" as an advisory body to the Office of the Governor of Guahan.
2. That the Council shall be composed of:
 - a. The Lieutenant Governor of Guahan, or his designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Council.
 - b. The Superintendent of the Catholic Schools of Guahan or his designee.
 - c. The Headmaster of St. John's School or his designee.
 - d. The Headmaster of the Harvest Christian Academy or his designee.
 - e. The President of the Guahan Home Schools Association, or his/her designee.
 - f. Any other member(s) the Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall deem necessary for the effective operation of the Council.
3. That the council shall within (30) thirty days of its first meeting make specific recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Guahan which will:
 - a. Foster greater cooperation between all k-12 educational institutions on Guahan.
 - b. Identify and address the emerging needs of education on Guahan.
 - c. Vigorously promote the use of best practices by all educational institutions on Guahan.
 - d. Make any other recommendations which the Council believes is in the best interest of education on Guahan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the same be distributed to the heads of each of Guahan's independents schools.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guahan this 7th day of June, 2010.

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Maga' lâhen Guahan para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guahan

COUNTERSIGNED:

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
I Segundu Maga'lahen Guahan para pa'go
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guahan

