RELATIVE TO THE REACTIVATION OF THE PROCUREMENT POLICY OFFICE AND ASSISTANCE TO GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

WHEREAS, the current execution of the Guam Procurement Law has shown to be inefficient, causing unnecessary transaction costs for all governmental entities at all levels; and

WHEREAS, an unacceptable number of government projects and purchases are delayed due to ineffective practices; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam has returned millions of dollars to federal agencies based on its inability to properly spend the funds within a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Procurement Policy Office has not been active for a significant amount of time; and

WHEREAS, clarification of management roles and hierarchy is needed for the General Services Agency to be more effective; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans is in the most opportune position with its staffing pattern and expertise to temporarily assist with procurement for federal grants and awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERERRO, Maga'ñan Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do hereby:

1. Reactivate the Procurement Policy Office consistent with 5 GCA §§ 5101-5102 and 2 GAR §§ 2101-2113;
2. Require the Procurement Policy Office to consider changes to Guam Procurement Regulations, as well as Guam Procurement law to make procurement more efficient and effective;
3. Request that the Procurement Policy Office make recommendations based on their findings through a formal report to the Governor by September 2, 2019.
4. Require that all line agency conducted federally-funded procurement activity and management of such procurement report directly to the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans;
5. Order the Bureau of Statistics and Plans to oversee procurement as it pertains to federal grants and awards;
6. Order the General Services Agency and the Department of Public Works restructure its operations based on the assistance provided by the Bureau of Statistics and Plans and provide more efficiency in exercising their authority over the award or administration of any particular contract, or over any dispute, claim or litigation pertaining thereto; and
7. Mandate that any and all procurement shall be accountable to the Director of the Department of Administration.
Signed and Promulgated at Hagåtña, Guam, this 2nd day of April 2019.

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga’hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested By:

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Åktå Sigundo Maga’hågan Guåhan
Acting Lieutenant Governor of Guam