RELATIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM'S DRUG FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

WHEREAS, Public Law ("P.L.") 35-5 decriminalized the use of cannabis and marijuana under Guam law; and

WHEREAS, Section 8112 of P.L. 35-5 specifically permits employers to maintain drug and alcohol free workplaces which may include the prohibition of use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, employees who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol are less productive, inefficient and make poor work decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam’s Drug Free Workplace Program (the “Drug Free Workplace Program”), as maintained by the Department of Administration, was established in 1995 by Executive Order No. 95-29 and later amended by Executive Order 2005-18; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Free Workplace Program provides for procedures for testing, rehabilitation and discipline of its employees who use drugs in the workplace or while in their official capacities; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam’s employees, including those in the autonomous agencies, should be held to the highest degree of accountability because of the trusted nature of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Government of Guam to maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace and this policy includes refraining from otherwise legal substances, including cannabis and tobacco, while in government of Guam workplace facilities and while otherwise on duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERerro, Maga'ha'gan 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 ORDER as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the enactment of P.L. 35-5, the Government of Guam’s Drug Free Workplace Program, as maintained by the Department of Administration, shall continue to prohibit the use of marijuana and drug testing will continue to include testing for marijuana use.

2. Law enforcement personnel, as defined by Chapter 75, Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated continue to be prohibited from consuming cannabis products and shall continue to be subject to the same standards, rules and regulations as was established prior to the enactment of P.L. 35-5.

3. The Department of Administration shall undertake a review of its Drug Free Workplace Program and make recommendations for amendment as it deems necessary.
4. The Department of Administration shall seek input from the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, and the Guam Veterans Affairs Office when conducting such review and may request input from all other agencies of the Government of Guam, which shall provide requested input.

5. The Department of Administration shall report its findings in written form no later than October 1, 2019.

Signed and Promulgated at Hagåtña, Guam, this 4th day of April, 2019.

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Maga 'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam