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35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Executive Order No. 2020-39

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-39:
RELATIVE TO CREATING A COMMUNITY DEFENSE
LIAISON OFFICE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
AS THE SUCCESSOR OFFICE OF THE GUAM BUILDUP
OFFICE, WHICH SHALL SERVE AS THE LEAD AGENCY
RELATIVE TO THE REALIGNMENT AND GROWTH
INITIATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FORCES IN
THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION

If you have any questions, please contact my office at # (671) 473-1118.

Senseramente,

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Enclosure(s): Executive Order No. 2020-39

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SHALL SERVE AS THE LEAD AGENCY RELATIVE TO THE
REALIGNMENT AND GROWTH INITIATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE FORCES IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION**

WHEREAS, in 2008, Executive Order No. 2008-09 established the Guam Buildup Office as an office within the Office of the Governor to serve as Guam's single point of contact on issues related to military expansion efforts; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015, the Department of Defense (DoD) revised its original military build-up plans which necessitated a revision of the Government of Guam's original plans to accommodate Guam and the Asia Pacific realignment of DoD forces; and

WHEREAS, in the twelve (12) years since Guam Buildup Office was established, the parameters of DoD's expansion plans have changed significantly; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to better respond to the requirements which were brought on by the Asia Pacific realignment of DoD forces it is necessary to reframe the activities of the Guam Buildup Office to continue providing a cohesive direction to all Government of Guam agencies on policy, strategic initiatives and, coordination of agency responses pertaining to military buildup issues and activities; and

WHEREAS, there must be continued strategic planning and coordination with the Joint Region Marianas on a wide range of DoD activity covering current and new growth initiatives for all military branches such as the Army and Air Force, and their National Guard Components, Navy, Space Force, Marines, Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Administration to monitor additional DoD growth strategies which support the Marine relocation, current and future rebalancing of DoD forces in the Asia Pacific region and all other DoD growth initiatives to ensure Guam addresses all impacts and pursues all economic activity for the benefit of the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to determine any adverse impacts to Government of Guam agency services, oversight and regulatory responsibilities provided for the benefit of the civilian community of Guam; and

WHEREAS, to further enhance and strengthen the objectives of the "One Guam" initiative it is of paramount importance that the Government of Guam agencies must concurrently address the needs of both the civilian and military communities to ensure the timely completion of their statutory oversight and regulatory responsibilities and the execution of policy and program initiatives.



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NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan,* Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

The creation of the COMMUNITY DEFENSE LIAISON OFFICE (“CDLO”), within the Office of the Governor, as the successor agency to the Guam Buildup Office, with the following tasks and responsibilities:

1. The CDLO is established within the Office of the Governor as a single point of contact for all DoD current and future growth activities. All DoD interaction with the Government of Guam shall originate from CDLO, subject to policy guidance from the Office of the Governor.
2. On behalf of the Governor and Lt. Governor of Guam, provide direction to the Government of Guam agencies on policy, strategic initiatives and coordination of agency responses regarding DoD Guam military growth issues and activities and to ensure that increased oversight and regulatory enforcement of military growth requirements does not compromise or diminish services to the civilian community.
3. To ensure coordination with Joint Region Marianas on a wide range of DoD growth activity of all military branches including but not limited to the Navy, Army, Air Force, Space Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.
4. To monitor and recommend all strategies to support the Marine relocation, the Asia Pacific rebalancing of DoD forces and any other DoD growth initiative to ensure that the Government of Guam addresses all impacts and pursues all economic activity for the benefit of the civilian community of Guam.
5. The CDLO, working with the Government of Guam agencies, shall identify personnel and funding shortfalls which would adversely affect the Government of Guam agency’s services, oversight, and regulatory compliance, for the civilian community of Guam.
6. The CDLO shall solicit, from time to time, information and advice from the community and community organizations, to ensure the continued development of policies, strategies, initiatives in order to continually strengthen the “One Guam” and “four pillars” initiatives to equally benefit the civilian community and the military community of Guam.
7. The CDLO shall facilitate the effective coordination of agency responses to ensure compliance with the terms of the Programmatic Agreement and the objectives of the Civil Military Coordinating Council (“CMCC”) operating charter.
8. The CDLO shall also continue to comply with all Office of Economic Adjustment Grant Conditions as delineated in Grant Abstract GR-882-19-01, approved June 27, 2019, which states in part: “The grants enable the Office of the Governor to serve



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as the central clearinghouse on all Federal actions that are related to the Department of Defense realignments and buildup on the island of Guam.

9. The CDLO shall provide support to the Office of the Governor to ensure that current and future DoD growth initiatives do not compromise, diminish or otherwise adversely affect the levels of service provided by the Government of Guam to the civilian community of Guam. In conjunction with this goal, the CDLO shall provide assistance to affected agencies in identifying all possible funding alternatives to mitigate funding shortfalls as a result of the provision of services in support of the Guam Marine Realignment and any other DoD growth initiative.
10. There is hereby created the position of Executive Director of the CDLO, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and report to the Governor or her designee to oversee the operations of the CDLO, develop necessary staffing requirements, titles, and responsibilities to achieve the objectives, duties, and responsibilities of the CDLO as enumerated herein.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagátña, Guam, this 6th day of November, 2020.

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

Attested by:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
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Lt. Governor of Guam

