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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to § 102 (e) of Chapter 1, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, transmitted herewith is a copy of Executive Order No. 2017-06, which was signed on November 20, 2017.

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2017-06

RELATIVE TO DECLARING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AS A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, in 1863 as the American Civil War raged on, President Abraham Lincoln paused in gratitude to remember that despite the terrible dissension that divided the country, blessings were nevertheless in abundance:

> "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle, or the ship; the axe had enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the

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siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years, with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and voice by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

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Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.

Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln, October 3, 1863."

WHEREAS, it was upon this great proclamation that since 1863, the last Thursday of November has been officially celebrated as a national day of Thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, a new president and vice-president succeeded to the position and office of President Lincoln amidst reports of a different sort of national turmoil and dissension, including repeated threats of nuclear attack aimed directly at Guam, random acts of mass violence, and devastating hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the pause urged by President Lincoln to remember our blessings is in order; and

WHEREAS, those blessings include the more than 12,000 hard-working employees of the Government of Guam who give of themselves in daily service to others, the peace and good weather that Guam has been gifted with this year, and the freedoms earned for us by the brave and selfless soldiers who spent that first official Thanksgiving in 1863 on the battlefield away from their families;

WHEREAS, I am grateful for our Government of Guam employees. I am grateful for the men and women in uniform who to this day continue to safeguard our country and our island. I am grateful for Guam and its people. As we gather with our friends and families this Thanksgiving, let us not forget to express our appreciation for them and for all the blessings received this year; and

WHEREAS, Title 1 Guam Code Annotated, Section 1000 (c) provides that: "In addition to the holidays specified in Subsection (a) of this Section, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* may declare by Executive Order additional non-permanent holidays for special purposes."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act and laws of Guam, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. Friday, November 24, 2017, the day after Thanksgiving, is declared as a Government of Guam holiday.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED this 20th day of November, 2017.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
I Maga'Låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam