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Re: Executive Order

Dear Madame Speaker:

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

- **Executive Order 2019-09:** Relative to Establishing a Coral Reef Resilience Working Group to make recommendations for a new Coral Reef Resilience Strategy to Protect and Preserve Guam's Coral Reefs from all threats including Climate Change.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Governor.

Senseramente,

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Attachments

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Executive Order No. 2019-09

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A CORAL REEF RESILIENCE WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A NEW CORAL REEF RESILIENCE STRATEGY TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE GUAM'S CORAL REEFS FROM ALL THREATS INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans has led development of a draft Coral Reef Resilience Strategy that would establish a new planning and resource management system for our coral reefs involving more than a dozen Government of Guam agencies and departments, federal partners, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Local Action Strategies, which were first drafted in 2003 and previously served as the guiding document for coral reef management efforts on Guam, expired in 2015 and should be replaced by a more strategic document that encompasses human community resilience and climate change adaptation; and

WHEREAS, effective resource management that protects and enhances Guam's marine ecosystems must be proactive, adaptive, strategic, community-based, and stakeholder-driven; and

WHEREAS, reducing the impacts of local stressors – such as pollution, sedimentation, overfishing, vessel groundings, and recreational overuse and misuse – is the only way for local managers to build the health of our coral reefs and increase the likelihood that they will be able to resist climate impacts and recover after impacts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reframe coral reef management and conservation in the context of reducing local stressors to build resilience to climate change, as Guam has experienced climate-induced coral bleaching in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017 and extreme low tides in 2015, resulting in the loss of approximately 1/3 of all shallow corals around Guam; and

WHEREAS, impending threats to coral reefs including climate change, continue to put at risk this important natural resource that is crucial to sustainability of life on our island; and

WHEREAS, the continued decline of Guam's coral reefs will erode our island's competitiveness as a tourist destination and therefore adversely affect our economic growth; and

WHEREAS, for all the aforementioned reasons, it is vital that the Government of Guam take a more proactive and coordinated approach to protecting our coral reefs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERERRO, *Maga'hågan 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:

Creation of the Coral Reef Resilience Working Group.

The Coral Reef Resilience Working Group is hereby created with the following mission, purposes, and operational parameters:

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1. Mission Statement. It is the objective of the Coral Reef Resilience Working Group to review the draft Coral Reef Resilience Strategy and draft Implementation Plan developed by the Bureau of Statistics and Plans and make recommendations for the implementation this year of a new Coral Reef Resilience Strategy that will improve, coordinate, and set direction for the long term efforts of the Government of Guam in partnership with federal entities, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations.

2. The Chair of the Working Group shall be the Director of the Department of Agriculture and the Vice-Chair shall be the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, and shall further be comprised by the following members:

    a. Director of the Department of Land Management
    b. Director of the Department of Public Works
    c. Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency
    d. General Manager of the Guam Solid Waste Authority
    e. Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation
    f. President of the University of Guam or his designee
    g. President and CEO of the Guam Visitors Bureau
    h. Administrative Director of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission
    i. Administrative Director of the Guam Ancestral Land Commission
    j. General Manager of the Guam Waterworks Authority
    k. Executive Director of the *Hagåtña* Restoration and Redevelopment Authority

3. The Working Group shall provide its final report to *Maga'hågan Guåhan* with its recommendations in accordance with the aforementioned Mission Statement no later than June 1, 2019.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 22nd day of March 2019.

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

Attested by:

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