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Re: Executive Order No. 2019-21

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Dear Madam Speaker:

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-21: RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN PREVENTING AN OUTBREAK OF DENGUE FEVER ON GUAM

If you have any questions, please contact my office at # 475-9475.

Senseramente,

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ
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Enclosure(s): Executive Order No. 2019-21

cc: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan* (via email)
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Executive Order 2019 – 21

RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN PREVENTING AN OUTBREAK OF DENGUE FEVER ON GUAM

WHEREAS, dengue fever is a mosquito borne disease caused by one of four closely related dengue viruses (DENV 1, DENV 2, DENV 3, and DENV 4) spread to people through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, the infection causes flu-like illness, and occasionally develops into a potentially lethal complication called severe dengue; and

WHEREAS, dengue is found in tropical and sub-tropical climates worldwide, mostly urban and semi-urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the global incidence of dengue has grown dramatically, recently causing the Philippines and the Republic of Marshall Islands to each declare a state of health emergency; and

WHEREAS, a case of locally acquired dengue fever on Guam was identified in early September 2019 is endangering the health, safety, and welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, immediate measures must be taken by all government agencies responsible for ensuring that Guam is protected to the greatest extent possible from the spread of mosquito borne diseases, like dengue fever.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERERRO, *I 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 hereby order as follows:

1. **Declaration of State of Emergency**. A state of emergency exists at the Department of Public Health and Social Services in order to adequately respond to the threat of spread of dengue fever on Guam.

2. **Agency Coordination.** The Department of Public Health and Social Services shall continue to coordinate with all government departments, agencies, instrumentalities and other public entities in order to prevent any outbreak of mosquito borne diseases. All affected agencies and other public entities shall continue to cooperate fully with the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

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3. **Emergency Procurement and Emergency Expenses.** Pursuant to 5 G.C.A § 5215, authorizing emergency procurement of supplies and services upon executive order, and 5 G.C.A. § 22402 authorizing the Governor to utilize no more than $250,000.00 from General Fund appropriations for the Executive Branch for expenses resulting from civil defense, public safety, or healthcare emergencies, this Executive Order shall authorize the Director of Bureau of Budget and Management Research to transfer to the Department of Public Health and Social Services an amount not to excess Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00) from outstanding appropriations within the General Fund for funding this Executive Order and authorizes emergency procurement to contain and further prevent any outbreak of mosquito borne diseases. The emergency procurement is not being used solely for the purpose of avoidance of the provisions of the Guam Procurement Law.

4. **Documentation of Expenses.** The Department of Public Health and Social Services is hereby instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, the Department of Public Health and Social Services via the Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall provide a written report of the emergency expenditures and its source to the Legislature and the Public Auditor within five (5) days of such transactions.

5. **Purpose of Emergency Procurement.** Emergency procurement may be used for procurement of any supplies and services relative to comply to contain and further prevent any outbreak of mosquito borne diseases, including dengue fever and continue for thirty (30) days after the date of this executive order as provided in § 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

A sum of up to the authorized amount of $250,000.00 shall be authorized to be transferred pursuant to the law to the Department of Public Health and Social Services.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 13th day of September 2019.

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

Attested by:

JOSHUA F. TENORIO
Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lieutenant Governor of Guam

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