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Hafa Adai Madame Speaker and Senator San Agustin,

Please find a letter from Governor Leon Guerrero regarding the 2020 Primary Election attached.

Senseremente,

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Re: 2020 Primary Election

Dear Madame Speaker and Chairman San Agustin,

As you know, the current public health emergency has disrupted all aspects of our normal lives. All of us are currently staying home so that we can try to flatten the curve, stop further infection, and save lives. In the midst of all of this, the Guam Election Commission (the "Commission") is preparing for the primary election. Voting is one of our most precious rights and it is also a civic duty. I know that as elected leaders ourselves, we all appreciate the time that our fellow residents and citizens take to cast their votes.

While the right to vote is important, our obligation to preserve the lives of our citizens is paramount. Yesterday, we received a letter from the Commission in which it articulated its concerns about holding a primary election while in our current crisis. The Commission believes that cancelation of the primary election at this time is appropriate. I want you to know that I agree. However, the authority to cancel a primary election – or any election -- does not belong to the executive branch or me, as the Governor of Guam. Rather, the statutory authority to determine whether to cancel an election belongs to the Legislature, as a separate and co-equal branch of government.

I understand that there are concerns among your membership about how to hold session safely. Please know what I am ready to assist you in whatever manner I am authorized to so that

your membership and staff can continue to do the people's work. I recognize that this determination by the Commission could not have been easy. Indeed, they told us so in their letter. But in any time of turmoil and tragedy, the work will not be easy. We must weigh our decisions carefully and deliberately. And ultimately, we must make the hard decisions that the people of Guam elected us to make.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Senseramente,

Lou Leon Guerrero

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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cc: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan* (Lt. Governor of Guam)
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