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RE: Executive Order No. 2021-10

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-10: Relative to Amending
Quarantine Program for Incoming Travelers and Further
Amending Restrictions during the Pandemic Condition of
Readiness 3 ("PCOR3")**

Thank you.

Senseremente,

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-10

**RELATIVE TO AMENDING QUARANTINE PROGRAM FOR
INCOMING TRAVELERS AND FURTHER AMENDING RESTRICTIONS
DURING PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 3 (“PCOR 3”)**

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I, Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, acting pursuant to the power provided by the Organic Act of Guam and the laws of Guam, declared a public health emergency in the island of Guam due to dangers posed by the 2019 novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, since declaring a public health emergency, Guam has suffered one hundred thirty nine (139) COVID-19 related deaths; and

WHEREAS, as of the time of this writing, over seven thousand nine hundred (7,900) individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Guam; and

WHEREAS, at the peak of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Guam, one hundred two (102) individuals were hospitalized for conditions related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since February 19, 2021, the island has been in Pandemic Condition of Readiness 3 (“PCOR 3”), during which most businesses and activities are permitted to operate with moderately restrictive conditions, including reduced capacities in facilities with indoor operations, and prohibitions and limitations on social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, since June 2020, Guam has relied on the Covid Area Risk (“CAR”) Score to assess the risk of COVID-19 spread, which is calculated using three main data points -- case doubling time, test positivity rate, and new cases per 100,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, Guam’s CAR Score has held below five (5) since late November 2020 and below 2.5 since the second week of December 2020, and is calculated at 0.8 as of the time of this writing; and

WHEREAS, as part of the vaccination plan, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (“DPHSS”) and the Guam National Guard have led community vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, since August 21, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020-28, incoming travelers to the island have been subject to a mandatory quarantine at a government facility. This quarantine policy has substantially assisted our island in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, with nearly two hundred (200) positive cases intercepted during quarantine since January 2021, instead of being simply allowed into the community and initiating new instances of potential outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2021, we launched the “Path to Half” campaign, an effort to encourage our community to get vaccinated against COVID-19, with the initial goal of



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achieving fifty percent (50%) vaccination of our adult population by May 1, 2021, and the ultimate goal of achieving herd immunity in Guam a few months thereafter; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations have been proven highly effective in preventing individuals from contracting COVID-19 and from suffering severe symptoms if they do contract the disease, which reduces hospitalizations and deaths, and potentially reduces the risk of infection to others; and

WHEREAS, achieving herd immunity will enable our island to reopen even more broadly, to ease remaining restrictions, and to permit the most risky activities such as large-scale social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Path to Half campaign was a critical part of our efforts to ensure that our community is safe as we reopen industry, in particular our tourism industry, and to ease quarantine restrictions for incoming travelers; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this writing, over seventy-one thousand (71,000) individuals in Guam are fully vaccinated, representing over fifty percent (50%) of Guam's population aged sixteen (16) and older; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the strong response in our community to achieve this initial goal, thousands of individuals have yet to complete their second round of vaccinations, which renders them still vulnerable to infection, to suffering severe symptoms once infected, and to infecting others; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") announced vaccine eligibility for individuals aged twelve (12) years and older; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we continue to be mindful of the reality that the COVID-19 pandemic remains a threat to our safety as a community, and that we all exercise personal judgment, and take steps as individuals towards protecting ourselves and our loved ones against this disease, including getting vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage our friends and family, especially those with comorbidity factors, to get vaccinated, keep themselves and their loved ones safe, and do their part to help achieve herd immunity on our island; and

WHEREAS, as our community works to recover from this global pandemic's impact on our lives, it is important to recognize that the emergency has not yet ended and that we are now, and will continue to be for some time, engaged in emergency response; and

WHEREAS, recently we experienced cluster events that we carefully monitored to ensure that the events did not result in corresponding significant increases in case counts and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, with continued practice of the basic mitigation measures of washing hands, wearing masks, and watching distance, we have been able to maintain relatively low transmission levels and avoided the most severe potential consequences of the recent clusters; and



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WHEREAS, as we begin to normalize activities throughout our island, it is appropriate to recognize the reduced risk that fully vaccinated incoming travelers present to the stabilization of our fragile healthcare system.

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 hereby order:

1. **PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 3.** Guam continues to be in PCOR 3, during which most activities are permitted to operate under moderate restrictions imposed in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
2. **SOCIAL GATHERINGS OR CONGREGATIONS.** A “congregation” or a “social gathering” is a meeting for a common and singular purpose of more than one (1) person where individuals are not members of a single household. Effective at 8:00AM on Saturday, May 15, 2021, social gatherings and congregations shall be limited to **no more than one hundred (100) persons**. The terms “social gathering” and “congregation” are not intended to include meetings of businesses, organizations, or government agencies held for the purpose of carrying out official business of such entities.
3. **QUARANTINE FOR INCOMING TRAVELERS.** Pursuant to applicable law and DPHSS Guidance, all incoming travelers shall be subject to quarantine at a government facility.
 - a. **CDC GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.** On January 12, 2021, the CDC announced an Order requiring all air passengers arriving in the U.S. from a foreign country to get tested no more than three (3) days before their flight departs and to present the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. Air passengers will also be required to confirm that the information they present is true in the form of an attestation.
 - b. **EXEMPTION FOR VACCINATED TRAVELERS.** Effective at 12:01AM on May 15, 2021, all incoming travelers who have been fully vaccinated with an FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine authorized for emergency use (i.e., Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Janssen), upon verification, are not subject to quarantine at a government facility. Travelers availing of this exemption shall be required to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and comply with applicable DPHSS Guidance, including for verification requirements.
4. **VACCINATIONS.** Eligible Guam residents are highly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.



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5. **USE OF THE GUAM COVID ALERT APP ENCOURAGED.** All residents with smartphone capability are encouraged to download the Guam COVID Alert app, which will alert individuals who may have been exposed to another individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. The app is free, and available to download for Apple and Android devices.
6. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.
7. **PRIOR ORDERS REMAIN IN EFFECT.** All prior Executive Orders remain in full force and effect except to the extent they conflict with this Order.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 13th day of May 2021.

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

Attested by:

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Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Lt. Governor of Guam

