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HONORABLE TINA MUÑA BARNES

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Guam Congress Building

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Executive Order No. 2019-23

Dear Madam Speaker:

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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-23: RELATIVE TO
CREATING THE GUAM GREEN GROWTH
WORKING GROUP**

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

Senseramente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haig T. Huynh".

HAIG T. HUYNH

Legal Counsel

Enclosure(s): Executive Order No. 2019-23

cc: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan* (via email)
Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *I Sigundo Maga'låhen Guahan* (via email)
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Executive Order No. 2019-23

**RELATIVE TO CREATING THE GUAM GREEN
GROWTH WORKING GROUP**

WHEREAS, sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS, to achieve a sustainable future for the island of Guam, we must confront global climate change impacts, local environmental stressors, as well other impediments to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, taking action to transition to a sustainable future provides a wealth of opportunity for Guam, rather than sacrifice, as it promotes poverty reduction, green economic growth, improved energy independence, increased food security, improved public health, protected natural resources and biodiversity, and cultural preservation, all while reducing the export of money and building a thriving local economy, more resilient to disasters and global changes; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the United Nations (U.N.) Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) designed to put the world on a path to a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future; and

WHEREAS, the necessity of implementing SDGs at local and regional levels to achieve the ambitious and unprecedented U.N. 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, led to the establishment of the U.N. Local2030 Initiative in 2018 and the recognition of the Hawaii Green Growth Local2030 Islands Hub; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of steps Guam has taken to advance sustainable action, and through partnerships developed through the Office of the Governor of Guam, University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), and the Hawaii Green Growth Local2030 Islands Hub, Guam has been invited to a high-level event at Climate Week NYC during the 2019 U.N. General Assembly in New York to join an international community of island leaders to collectively advance local and global SDGs as a member of the Local2030 Islands Network; and

WHEREAS, Guam is poised to take its place at the international forefront of sustainability leadership as a repository of island wisdom stretching back more than 3,500 years, holding the traditional knowledge of a past sustainable society and ready to connect to modern innovations and tools to achieve a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of sustainability is apparent in the people of Guam as indicated by the words written on the outer wall of the Senator Antonio A. Palomo Guam Museum attributed to Chief Hurao in 1671, "*Ti ta nisisita ayudun sanhiyong para ta fan moalek guini gi tãno-ta. Tãya' ta 'lo- Satisfied with what our islands furnish, we desire nothing else*".



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NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES AFLAGUE 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, and the laws of Guam, do order as follows:

Creation of the Guam Green Growth (G³) Working Group.

The G³ Working Group is tasked with the following mission, purposes, and operational parameters:

1. **Mission Statement.** It is the objective of the Guam Green Growth (G³) Working Group to support a public-private partnership connected to the Local2030 Islands Network, facilitated through the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability, to scale and accelerate locally and culturally relevant sustainability solutions to global challenges through the creation and implementation of an ambitious G³ Action Strategy Framework.
2. **Commit to the principles of the Local2030 Islands Hub Network:**
 - a. *Demonstrate political leadership to advance the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals* with long-term sustainable development, climate, and resilience commitments;
 - b. *Commit to measure progress through an open-data platform* with locally and culturally appropriate indicators;
 - c. *Identify strong local partners that convene public and private stakeholders* to integrate cross-sector sustainability priorities into policy, planning and metrics;
 - d. *Promote a project pipeline that builds island resilience and an innovation economy* through planning, financing, implementing and scaling local SDG solutions;
 - e. *Build capacity for community action and next generation leadership* on sustainability through sharing of lessons learned, storytelling and bright spots; and
 - f. *Commit to partnering for global impact through the Local2030 Islands Hubs Network* to promote island leadership and connect local action, national priorities and global goals.
3. **Create and contribute to the implementation of an ambitious G³ Action Strategy Framework** to meet U.N. Sustainable Development Goals:

GOAL 1: No Poverty;

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger;

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being;

GOAL 4: Quality Education;

GOAL 5: Gender Equality;



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- GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation;
- GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy;
- GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth;
- GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure;
- GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality;
- GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities;
- GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production;
- GOAL 13: Climate Action;
- GOAL 14: Life Below Water;
- GOAL 15: Life on Land;
- GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions; and
- GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal.


4. The G³ Working Group shall be co-chaired by the Director of the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability and the Chief Advisor to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* on Military and Regional Affairs and may include other members from both the public and private sector.
5. To create and implement the G³ Action Strategy Framework, the Working Group may empanel working groups and coordinate efforts with the Climate Change Resiliency Commission, Guam Aquacultural Task Force, and other relevant commissions and task forces. The working groups may be comprised of government, business, and civil society representatives, with the Chair of each working group selected on a rotational basis. The working groups shall report their recommendations, findings, and status updates to the Working Group on a biannual basis.
6. The G³ Working Group may also develop appropriate means to broaden public participation, awareness, and education regarding the task of addressing SDGs.

Signed and Promulgated at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 25th day of September 2019.



Attested by:


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


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