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Speaker
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36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Executive Order No. 2021-12

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-12: Relative to Extending the
Public Health Emergency Declared to Respond to Novel
Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Thank you.

Senseremente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sophia Santos Diaz".

SOPHIA SANTOS DIAZ
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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2021-12

cc via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan*
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-12

**RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARED TO RESPOND TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

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 Eight Thousand (8,000) 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 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 0.3 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, 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, as of the date of this writing, over Eighty Thousand (80,000) individuals in Guam are fully vaccinated, representing over fifty eight percent (58%) of Guam's population aged twelve (12) and older; and

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



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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

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. **EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** The public health emergency first declared in Executive Order No. 2020-03 and extended in Executive Order Nos. 2020-09, 2020-11, 2020-16, 2020-22, 2020-24, 2020-29, 2020-35, 2020-38, 2020-41, 2020-46, 2021-03, 2021-05, and 2021-09 shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) day period, effective June 1, 2021. The public health emergency is now scheduled to expire on July 1, 2021.
2. **PANDEMIC CONDITION OF READINESS 3 ("PCOR 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.
3. **VACCINATIONS.** Eligible Guam residents are highly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
4. **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.



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5. **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.
6. **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 **28th** day of **May 2021**.

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

Attested by:

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

