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Speaker I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagatña, Guam 96910

### RE: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-18

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:

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

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-18:** RELATIVE TO RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 2008-18, 2012-12, AND 2014-10 RELATIVE TO INACTIVE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION WORKING GROUP

Thank you.

Senseremente,

LESLIE A. TRAVIS Legal Counsel

Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2022-18

cc via email: Maga'hågan Guåhan Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan Hon. F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam Compiler of Law Central Files Cabinet Members



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# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-18

## RELATIVE TO RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 2008-18, 2012-12, AND 2014-10 RELATIVE TO INACTIVE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNCATION WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, in 2008, in an effort to address concerns that emerged following the attacks of September 11, 2001 regarding the ability of emergency and first responder communications devices to operate in conjunction and in coordination with each other, the Guam Interoperable Communication Working Group ("ICWG") was established pursuant to Executive Order No. 2008-18; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2008-18 was superseded by Executive Order No. 2012-12, which was in turn superseded by Executive Order No. 2014-10; and

WHEREAS, membership in the ICWG fluctuated between each of the relevant executive orders, and, pursuant to Executive Order No. 2014-10, most recently includes representatives from Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense, the Office of Technology, the Guam Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Port Authority of Guam, the A. B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency, and the Departments of Education, Public Works, Public Health and Social Services, and Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 2014-10, the ICWG Steering Committee is responsible for "planning for the replacement, upgrade, maintenance, disposal of, or acquisition of a system" for the purpose of ensuring that emergency and first responder communications systems are interoperable with one another; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2014-10 further provides that procurement on behalf of the ICWG shall be initiated through a majority vote of the ICWG Executive Committee (sic); and

WHEREAS, despite issuance of Executive Order Nos. 2008-18, 2012-12, and 2014-10, the ICWG never convened and procurement of communications systems and devices contemplated in the executive orders was never effectuated; and

WHEREAS, issuance of these executive orders have hindered primary public safety agencies such as the Guam Police Department and the Guam Fire Department from procuring services and goods that will support continuity in their operations in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, convening a working group to ensure interoperability of communications devices to further our preparedness in crisis is critical, whether in the context of national security concerns or natural disasters; and



WHEREAS, in the coming weeks, I will be meeting with affected agencies to discuss plans for convening a purposeful committee that will strategize and effectuate an operational interoperable communications system for affected agencies; and

WHEREAS, in the interim, it is important that the authority to procure for initial communications planning services is restored to our public safety agencies, as such efforts will ultimately inure to the benefit of all affected agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary that prior executive orders that hindered these procurement efforts be rescinded.

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, and the laws of Guam, do order as follows:

1. RESCISSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 2008-18, 2012-12, AND 2014-10. Executive Order Nos. 2008-18, 2012-12, and 2014-10 are hereby rescinded.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 1st day of July, 2022.

Lon Sen Duenero

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

Attested by:

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