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HAGĀTÑA, GUAM
PROCLAMATION 2020-22

A Proclamation of the Governor
**DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2020 AS
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Fair Housing Act was signed into law protecting individuals' abilities to own or rent property free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 years later, we continue to support fair housing on Guam with the noble goal of providing all our island's residents the opportunity to pursue the home of their dreams and seek the housing of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968) states, "Victims of housing discrimination need not go through Housing and Urban Development or any other government agency to pursue their rights because the Fair Housing Act confers jurisdiction to hear cases in federal district courts," and

WHEREAS, access to housing of an individual's choice is an essential quality of life because where we live determines where our children go to school and what cultural benefits we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, in light of the significant hardships that our community is dealing with as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Guam is committed to providing fair and equal housing opportunities for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hāgan Guāhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month. The people of Guam are encouraged to embrace diversity and understand that differences make us stronger in our communities. This Administration will continue to break ground for more construction of public housing to accommodate families who have waited for so long to live independently.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guāhan*, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña*, on this **Twenty-second** day of **April** in the Year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, **Two Thousand Twenty**.



Lou Leon Guerrero

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guāhan
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