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October 16, 2026

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-07

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-07
RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ANTICIPATION OF
THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI

Senseramente,

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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2026-07

CC via email: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hāgan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
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**RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
ANTICIPATION OF THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI**

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2026, the National Weather Service, Guam Weather Forecast Office ("NWS") reported that a tropical disturbance, Invest 96W, was developing north of Kosrae, and was expected to develop into a tropical cyclone within twenty-four (24) hours; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2026, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center upgraded Invest 96W to Tropical Depression 29W ("TD 29W"), with maximum sustained winds of 34 mph, and movement toward the north-northwest at 13 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2026, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center upgraded TD 29W to Tropical Storm Champi ("Champi"). As of 7:00 a.m., Champi was located 755 miles east of Guam, with sustained winds of 45 miles per hour, and was moving west at 12 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, NWS has issued a Typhoon Watch for Guam in anticipation of damaging winds of at least 39 miles per hour within seventy-two (72) hours. Based on Champi's current track, NWS forecasts potential winds of up to 110 miles per hour (Category 2 typhoon strength) and rainfall of six (6) to twelve (12) inches throughout the Mariana Islands. Champi is expected to intensify into a typhoon as it approaches the region. Tropical storm-force winds may arrive as early as Saturday, October 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2026, at approximately 5:00 p.m., I placed the island in Condition of Readiness ("COR") 3, in anticipation of damaging winds and rains within forty-eight (48) hours. I further intend to place the island in COR 2 at approximately 1:00 p.m. on October 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, based on current forecasts and modeling, the strength and track of Champi represents an imminent, credible, and significant threat to the health, safety, and welfare of Guam; and



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WHEREAS, in anticipation of Champi's closest approach, the Guam Office of Homeland Security and Office of Civil Defense ("GHS/OCD") and other Government of Guam agencies are instructed to take precautionary measures to protect the people of Guam, minimize property damage, and reduce the risk of injury and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists that threatens the community, critical infrastructure, and the general welfare of Guam due to the anticipated arrival of destructive winds and heavy rainfall. Accordingly, immediate precautionary measures are necessary to ensure that resources are identified, mobilized, and deployed as contemplated in the 2018 Guam Catastrophic Typhoon Plan developed by GHS/OCD and FEMA and in the 2016 Guam Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, I Maga'hågan Guahan, 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. Declaration of State of Emergency.** A state of emergency is hereby declared for the island of Guam in anticipation of the approach of Champi. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for ninety (90) days unless extended.
- 2. Emergency Procurement and Emergency Expenses.** Pursuant to 5 GCA § 5215, authorizing emergency procurement upon issuance of an executive order, and 5 GCA § 22402, I hereby authorize emergency procurement for the rental of heavy equipment, debris removal, nursing and medical support services at the Northern and Southern Region Community Health Centers, typhoon shelter operations conducted by the Guam Department of Education, temporary lodging for displaced residents, and the procurement of other necessary supplies, materials, goods, and services related to this emergency, up to a combined maximum expenditure of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).
- 3. GHS/OCD to be Lead Agency for Emergency Procurement.** GHS/OCD shall be the lead agency for the emergency procurement of all goods and services necessary to respond to the emergency declared by this



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Executive Order, other than construction-related services and heavy equipment assigned to the Department of Public Works ("DPW") under Section 5. Such emergency procurement shall be conducted in accordance with 5 GCA § 5215 and other applicable procurement requirements during the effective period of this Executive Order.

- 4. GHS/OCD to be Lead Agency for Removal of Storm Debris from Collection Sites.** GHS/OCD shall be the lead agency for the emergency procurement of services necessary to remove and transport storm debris from designated collection sites for disposal, including debris resulting from Tropical Storm Champi and previously collected storm debris whose removal is necessary to mitigate hazards and prepare for the storm's anticipated impact.
- 5. DPW to be Lead Agency for Emergency Construction-Related Procurement.** DPW shall be the lead agency for emergency procurement of construction-related services and activities necessary to respond to the emergency declared by this Executive Order, including, but not limited to the collection and removal of storm debris from roads and other affected areas to designated collection sites, road clearance, and the use or rental of heavy equipment with operators, and excluding the removal and transportation of debris from designated collection sites assigned to GHS/OCD under Section 4, for the effective period of ninety (90) days as provided in 5 GCA § 5215. DPW's responsibilities under this Section shall not include the removal and transportation of debris from designated collection sites, which are assigned to GHS/OCD under Section 4.
- 6. Infrastructure Readiness and Asset Protection.** The Guam Waterworks Authority is directed to ensure that all generators located at water wells are properly serviced and fueled in anticipation of potential power loss. The Guam Power Authority is directed to inspect all transmission lines and ensure that vegetation that may interfere with or damage such lines is identified and removed. All Government of Guam agencies, departments, and offices shall take all necessary steps to secure their work areas and protect government property.



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7. **Authorization for Overtime.** I further authorize the payment of overtime to eligible exempt and non-exempt Government of Guam employees who work in excess of forty (40) hours per week in order to mitigate and respond to the effects of Tropical Storm Champi throughout Guam, subject to applicable law. The Governor's Authorized Representative, in consultation with GHS/OCD, and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, is authorized to determine the eligibility of overtime expenditures resulting from work performed by government agencies. Approval must be obtained before incurring overtime or related expenses. Failure to obtain prior approval may be grounds for denying reimbursement.
8. **Documentation of Expenses.** All Government of Guam departments and agencies are instructed to maintain appropriate documentation of all emergency expenses incurred pursuant to this Executive Order for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and the Office of the Public Auditor of Guam, and to support any request for federal disaster assistance administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA").

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 16th day of October, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

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

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joshua F. Tenorio".

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

