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**HONORABLE LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR OF GUAM
RICARDO J. BORDALLO
GOVERNORS COMPLEX
HAGATNA, GUAM 96910**

RE: EMERGENCY DECLARATION: SNAP PROGRAM

Dear Governor Leon Guerrero;

In a recent media story, you stated that if the 36th Guam Legislature were to pass Resolution 291-36, that it would abruptly end \$2.3 million in federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This is not completely accurate, as you do have the authority as the Governor of Guam to sign an Executive Order (E.O.) specific to an emergency. As a matter of fact, on March 24, 2022, your counterpart in Hawaii, Governor David Y. Ige signed an executive order to assure that the federal SNAP is not adversely impacted as the state faces an emergency with food insecurity.

I am not certain if your administration is spreading these negative graphics on social media and other communication platforms which attack one of my colleagues through misinformation, stating that passing Resolution 291-36 would adversely affect 15,000 families and 45,000 children. This is false information, and I do hope that your office not only corrects this but also advises those behind this farce to end playing these negative games and to stick with the facts. If not, then it would be unfortunate that your administration is supportive of dirty politics, and that further questions other statements that are released from your office.

Resolution 291-36 is up for discussion and a vote next week. There is a possibility that the measure does pass, since it is evidently clear that the Governor of Guam can indeed sign an E.O. addressing a specific emergency, such as food insecurity, the need of the National Guard, or nursing shortages, to assure that any federal funding is not jeopardized for these necessities. No one wants to take away the SNAP program, as it not only places food on the tables of so many households, but it also contributes to the island's economic activity.

I recommend that your administration review the E.O. signed by Governor Ige (I have attached a copy) and draft an E.O. to assure that the SNAP funding is not paused if lawmakers do indeed end the emergency declaration. If you need the assistance of our office, we would be more than glad to support you in the process. You can reach me at officeofsenatormoylan@guamlegislature.org or at 671-488-9098 at any time. Thank you very much.

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Respectfully;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimoylan".

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