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GOVERNOR LEON GUERRERO DECLARES CONDITION OF READINESS 2 AS TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI APPROACHES THE MARIANAS

Residents urged to prepare for potential damaging winds, heavy rainfall, and flooding

(Agaña Heights, Guam Homeland Security–Office of Civil Defense) — Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero has directed Guam to enter Condition of Readiness 2 (COR 2), effective **1:00 P.M., Friday, October 16, 2026**, as Tropical Storm Champi (29W) continues moving toward the Mariana Islands.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS) Guam, Tropical Storm Champi continues to strengthen as it approaches the region. A Typhoon Watch remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, indicating that typhoon conditions are possible within 48 hours. A Flood Watch is also in effect, with heavy rainfall and flooding possible over the weekend.

“Protecting the lives and safety of our people remains our highest priority,” said Governor Leon Guerrero. “As we move into COR 2, I urge everyone to take the necessary precautions and remain attentive to official emergency guidance. Our island has faced powerful storms before, and we know that protecting our community requires all of us to do our part. I ask everyone to remain vigilant, look out for their neighbors, and follow the guidance of our emergency officials.”

The Leon Guerrero–Tenorio Administration, in coordination with Guam Homeland Security–Office of Civil Defense (GHS-OCD), continues to monitor the storm and coordinate emergency preparedness efforts with government agencies and response partners.

The Governor also reiterated her warning about dangerous ocean conditions.

“Please stay out of the water. Entering the ocean during storm conditions not only puts you at risk but also endangers the first responders who may be called to rescue you. I cannot stress enough: stay out of the water.”

Complete Storm Preparations

Residents and visitors are urged to take the following precautions today:

- Complete preparations to secure homes, businesses, and outdoor property against damaging winds.
- Ensure adequate food, drinking water, medications, and emergency supplies for at least 7 to 10 days.
- Charge mobile devices and prepare flashlights, batteries, and emergency radios in anticipation of possible power outages.
- Avoid flood-prone areas and clear nearby drainage areas only when safe to do so.
- Review emergency plans and make necessary arrangements for older adults, persons with disabilities, children, and pets.
- Stay out of the ocean and away from exposed reefs, shorelines, and other hazardous coastal areas.
- Continue monitoring official announcements regarding weather conditions, government operations, and emergency instructions.

Residents are strongly encouraged to rely on verified weather information and emergency announcements from GHS-OCD at **ghs.guam.gov** and the National Weather Service at **weather.gov/gum**.

The Leon Guerrero–Tenorio Administration will continue providing updates as conditions develop.

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