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The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker, I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-04

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-04

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING
A TRAUMA CARE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Senseramente,


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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2024-04

CC via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan*
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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024 -04

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WHEREAS, traumatic injuries are estimated to be responsible for over 275,000 deaths each year nationally, approximately one (1) death every three (3) minutes. Trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans forty-five (45) years of age and younger, and the fourth leading cause of death overall for all ages; and

WHEREAS, injury has a profound effect on individuals, families, hospitals, and communities, causing significant medical, psychological, social, and financial burdens. Injuries cost more than \$4.2 trillion annually in medical care and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, to ensure optimal provision of services and resource allocation, it is necessary to establish a comprehensive emergency medical services (EMS) trauma system that organizes trauma care delivery across the entire spectrum of care delivery, from injury prevention to prehospital, hospital, and rehabilitative care delivery for injured persons, and includes all facilities with the capability to care for the injured; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore appropriate to establish a Regional Advisory Council in Guam to facilitate the development of a regional EMS trauma system plan, implement process care improvement and targeted injury prevention programs, and revise existing processes based on assessments and data; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Regional Advisory Council will ensure increased focus on the health of our community, coordination of community health programs, and improvement of health status outcomes, with the ultimate goal of reducing injury-based fatalities on our island.

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 hereby order the following:

- 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAUMA CARE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.**
The Regional Advisory Council ("RAC") for trauma care is hereby established, and shall have the following duties:
 - a. Meet at least on a quarterly basis.
 - b. Develop a regional EMS trauma system plan. The plan shall recommend improvements to the quality, accessibility, and efficiency of trauma care services in the region, including but not limited to: (1) the designation of trauma centers based on their capabilities; (2) establishment of protocols for patient care and transportation within the trauma system; (3) development of public education and outreach programs on the prevention of trauma and a trauma system; (4) strategies for the implementation and ongoing monitoring of the regional EMS trauma system plan.
 - c. Present the regional EMS trauma system plan to the Governor of Guam.
 - d. Provide such additional recommendations as the Governor may from time to time require.



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2. **MEMBERSHIP OF REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.** The RAC shall consist of the following members:
- Administrator / CEO of the Guam Memorial Hospital, or designee;
 - Associate Administrator of Medical Services, Guam Memorial Hospital, or designee;
 - Director of the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services, or designee;
 - Director of the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, or designee;
 - Fire Chief of the Guam Fire Department, or designee;
 - Chief Executive Officer of the Guam Regional Medical City, or designee;
 - Senior Advisor, Military & Regional Affairs, Office of the Governor, or designee;
 - Executive Director of the Community Defense Liaison Office, or designee; and
 - Homeland Security Advisor, or designee.

The Governor shall designate a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the members of the RAC, and may from time to time appoint additional members to the RAC as necessary. The RAC may additionally seek information and input as necessary from relevant healthcare organizations, emergency medical services, public health agencies, government agencies, and other concerned stakeholders with trauma care expertise.

3. **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING.** The Office of the Governor shall provide the RAC with necessary administrative and technical support to facilitate fulfillment of its responsibilities. The Office of the Governor shall additionally determine funding for the RAC's operations in accordance with applicable law and budgetary limitations.

4. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this order are severable.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 23 day of September, 2024.

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

Attested by:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam

