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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. 2024-07

Hafa Adai Madam Speaker,

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-07

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM AMERICA250 COMMISSION

Senseramente,


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Legal Counsel

Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2024-07

CC via email: *Maga'hāgan Guåhan*
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Hon. Robert J. Torres, Jr., Chief Justice of Guam
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COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the formation of the United States of America will occur on July 4, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1950, the Organic Act of Guam was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman and granted congressional U.S. citizenship to Guam's residents and their descendants; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission to provide for the observance and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. and related events through local, state, national, and international activities, planned, encouraged, developed, and coordinated by a national commission representative of appropriate public and private authorities and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Semiquincentennial celebration is an occasion whereby all U.S. citizens may be educated with a deeper understanding of our founding principles of democracy, including the roles played by all states and territories in the development of these principles of democracy including the roles played by all states and territories in the development of these principles; and

WHEREAS, to observe this momentous anniversary, the U.S. Congress established the Commission to encourage Americans to remember our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a promising future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam and the laws of Guam, do hereby direct as follows:

1. **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GUAM AMERICA250 COMMISSION.** There is hereby established the **Guam America250 Commission** ("Commission"), which shall consist of the following individuals:
 - a. The Director of the Department of Chamorro Affairs, or their designee.



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- b. A representative from the Guam Museum selected by the Director of the Department of Chamorro Affairs.
- c. The Director of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, or their designee.
- d. The Director of the Guam Public Library System, or their designee.
- e. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or their designee.
- f. A representative of the public selected by the Governor.

The Commission is further instructed to invite the below individuals to join as members of the Commission:

- g. The President of the Guam Visitors Bureau, or their designee.
- h. The Superintendent of the Guam Department of Education, or their designee.
- i. The Speaker of the Guam Legislature, or their designee.
- j. The Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Guam, or their designee.
- k. Any other individual whose contributions the Commission believes will advance the Commission's purposes.

The term of the appointment is for the duration of the Commission's existence, which will sunset on September 30, 2027.

2. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. The Commission shall plan, encourage, develop, coordinate, and promote observances and activities to be held in Guam in commemoration of the historic events that preceded and are associated with the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.
- b. The first meeting of the Commission shall occur no later than two weeks after the effective date of this Executive Order. The Commission shall meet bimonthly and shall select a Chair among its members at its first meeting.



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c. The Commission shall coordinate, review, and promote programs and activities throughout Guam relating to the founding of the United States of America and to deepen the knowledge and understanding of this formative period of American history and how it has shaped and continues to shape who we are as a people, a territory, and a nation.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 20th day of December, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

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

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joshua F. Tenorio".

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

