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April 10, 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. 2026-01

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-01
RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
ANTICIPATION OF THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM
SINLAKU

Sensemante,



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Enclosure: Executive Order No. 2026-01

CC via email: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-01

**RELATIVE TO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN ANTICIPATION OF THE APPROACH OF
TROPICAL STORM SINLAKU**

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2026, the National Weather Service, Guam Weather Forecast Office (“NWS”), forecast that Tropical Storm Sinlaku, which is located approximately 565 miles SE of Guam, is steadily intensifying and maintaining a track toward Guam and the Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, NWS anticipates elevating the island to Typhoon Watch status Saturday, April 11, 2026, projecting the possibility of damaging winds of 39 mph within 72 hours, NWS states that based on the latest track, there is a potential for 120 mph (Category 3) winds and heavy rainfall of at least 15-20 inches throughout the Marianas. Tropical Storm Sinlaku is expected to further intensify into a typhoon by the time it arrives in our region. Tropical-Storm-Force winds are presently anticipated as early as Saturday morning April 13, 2026, and dangerous levels for seas and surf are anticipated through Wednesday, April 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 5:30 PM, I placed the island in Condition of Readiness 3, in anticipation of damaging winds and rains within forty-eight (48) hours. At approximately 12:00PM on April 12, 2026, I intend to place the island in Condition of Readiness 2; and

WHEREAS, based upon current forecasts and modeling, the strength and track of Tropical Storm Sinlaku represent an imminent, credible, and significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of Guam; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of Sinlaku’s closest approach, the Offices of Homeland Security and Civil Defense (“GHS/OCD”) and other territorial agencies are instructed to take precautionary and proactive steps in order to secure the safety of the island and to reduce the potential destruction of property and loss of life; and



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WHEREAS, an emergency situation exists such that in order to safeguard the community, critical infrastructure, and the general welfare of the island against the impending dangerous onset of destructive winds and rains forecast to strike Guam, it is critical that timely precautions be taken and resources be immediately identified, mobilized, and deployed as contemplated in the GHS/OCD-FEMA 2018 Guam Catastrophic Typhoon Plan and in the 2016 Guam Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, and 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 Tropical Storm Sinlaku. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days unless extended.
2. **Emergency Procurement and Emergency Expenses.** Pursuant to Section 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, authorizing emergency procurement upon executive order, and § 22402 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, I hereby authorize overtime and emergency procurement for heavy equipment rental, debris removal, nursing and medical support services for the North and Southern Community Health Centers, Guam Department of Education typhoon shelter operations, lodging for displaced residents, and the purchase of supplies, materials, goods, services or other expenditures, up to a combined total maximum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).
3. **GHS/OCD to be Lead Agency; Purpose of Emergency Procurement.** GHS/OCD shall be the lead agency for the emergency procurement of all goods and services, other than heavy equipment as defined in section 4, relative to this Executive Order, the effective period of which shall be for thirty (30) days as provided in § 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.
4. **DPW to be Lead Agency for Emergency Construction-Related Procurement.** DPW shall be the lead agency for emergency procurement of



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construction-related services and activities, including but not limited to debris removal, road clearance, mitigation of hazards, and the use or rental of heavy equipment with operators, relative to this Executive Order, for the effective period of thirty (30) days as provided in § 5215 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated.

5. **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.
6. **Authorization for Overtime.** I further authorize the payment of overtime, for exempt and non-exempt Government of Guam employees, to work in excess of forty (40) hours a week in order to mitigate and respond to the effects of Tropical Storm Sinlaku throughout Guam. The Governor's Authorized Representative, in consultation with Guam Homeland Security, the Office of Civil Defense, and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, is authorized to determine the eligibility of overtime expenditures resulting from work performed by the government agencies, and approval shall be obtained prior to incurring any overtime or expenses. Failure to obtain prior approval may be grounds for denying reimbursement.
7. **Documentation of Expenses.** All departments and agencies are instructed to keep appropriate documentation on all emergency expenses incurred pursuant to this Executive Order for inspection by the Executive and Legislative Branches and by the Public Auditor of Guam, and in anticipation of federal disaster assistance approval by the President of the United States to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
8. This Executive Order is effective immediately.



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SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at *Hagåtña*, Guam, this 10th day of April, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

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

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua F. Tenorio".

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

