



TERRITORY OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-12

ESTABLISHING THE GUAM WAR REPARATIONS COMMISSION

- WHEREAS, the people of Guam suffered the experience of World War II between December 8, 1941 and July 21, 1944; and
- WHEREAS, during these dark years, the people of Guam suffered from the destruction of personal property, the obliteration of their homes and farms, the loss of family members and loved ones, great personal injury and pain, the humiliation of occupation and virtual slavery; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Guam were not combatants in this war, but simply the victims; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Guam still bear the scars of this tragic period even today; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Guam were not citizens of the United States of America during the war years; and
- WHEREAS, the United States of America, without consulting the people of Guam, forgave the Japanese nation for atrocities committed in Guam, never once consulting the people of Guam in this decision; and
- WHEREAS, both the United States and Japan have made war compensation payments to the other Micronesian islands states and nations, including our Chamorro brothers and sisters in the CNMI; and
- WHEREAS, the United States of America has provided compensation to Japanese-Americans who were illegally interned on the west coast of America during World War II; and
- WHEREAS, justice demands that after 45 years the people of Guam, who suffered needlessly and expensively, must be compensated in the same manner that others have been; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Guam cannot be expected to tolerate this injustice indefinitely.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby create the GUAM WAR REPARATIONS COMMISSION.



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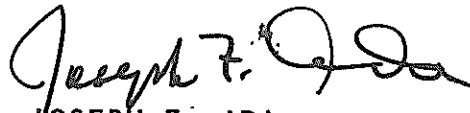
1. The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor who shall serve without compensation and at the Governor's pleasure.
2. The Governor or his designee shall serve as Chairman of the Commission.
3. The balance of the members of the Commission shall include: Three senators of the Legislative Minority, three senators of the Legislative Majority and two members at large.
4. The Commission shall be responsible for spearheading Guam's efforts to obtain war reparations for the people of Guam, and should do such things and engage in such activities as will promote the attainment of this goal, including but not limited to;
  - A. Conducting research into the extent and nature of damage and injury suffered by the people of Guam during World War II.
  - B. Compiling and presenting such information to the public and to officials in Washington D.C.
  - C. Conducting lobbying and public relations efforts both locally and among officials of both the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government to obtain just compensations.
  - D. Any other actions deemed necessary by the Commission for the attainment of its goals.




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This order shall be effective upon approval of the Governor and upon filing of said order with the Legislative Secretary of the Guam Legislature.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 2nd day of June, 1989.

  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

  
FRANK F. BLAS  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam