

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17

SUBJECT: Authorization for Work-Release of Prison Inmates

WHEREAS, Article III Section 15 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands empowers the Governor to make changes in the functions and duties of agencies and instrumentalities that are necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General has the exclusive responsibility to undertake criminal prosecutions on behalf of the Commonwealth; and

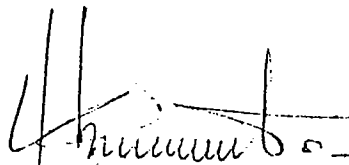
WHEREAS, such responsibility is successfully discharged when the Office of the Attorney General presents to the trial court detailed facts and evidence regarding the alleged criminal conduct of the accused sufficient to secure a criminal conviction, in the process gaining unique insight into the nature and seriousness of the defendant's acts as well as their potential impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the people of the Commonwealth that persons convicted of serious crimes and ordered incarcerated by a court of competent jurisdiction shall have their activities closely supervised and monitored by their custodians as well as other law enforcement authorities responsible for their conviction; and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding the timeliness and appropriateness of work-release for prison inmates are based upon many factors, including the seriousness of the crime for which a judgment has been entered, the length of the term of incarceration ordered by the court, the overall deterrent effect of a prison sentence, the value and significance of work-release to the inmate, and the potential danger to the community posed by an inmate who is granted work-release prematurely;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the executive powers vested in the Governor, it is directed that all decisions regarding work-release of prison inmates be made jointly by the Director of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General, that any decision granting and/or regarding the terms and conditions of work-release must be unanimous, that all such terms and conditions must be in writing, including a written statement by the requesting business or agency specifying duties and modes of supervision of the inmate, and that all inmates presently on work-release shall have their status reassessed immediately in accordance with the requirements of this directive and order.

Dated: June 12th, 1980



CARLOS S. CAMACHO
Governor