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The Honorable Joseph S. Inos  
Senate President  
Seventh Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

and

The Honorable Pedro R. Guerrero  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Seventh Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear President Inos and Speaker Guerrero:

Pursuant to Article III, Section 15 of our Constitution, enclosed is a copy of Executive Order 91-01 which the Governor signed just prior to leaving the Commonwealth on official Business. Executive Order 91-01 establishes the Developmental Disabilities Planning Office within the Office of the Governor, moving it from the Public School System for administrative oversight.

We believe that this move will result in a more effective and efficient delivery of benefits to those of our deserving, disabled people.

Sincerely,

  
BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA  
Acting Governor

Enclosure

CC: Governor  
Administrator, Developmental Disabilities Planning Office  
Attorney General  
Commissioner of Education  
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 91- 01

WHEREAS, the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the Governors' Office, is deeply committed to assisting persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Basic State Grant (BSG) Program and the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, as authorized by U.S. Public Law 100-146, has been locally established to assure that all persons in the Commonwealth with developmental disabilities receive the services and other assistance and opportunities necessary to enable such persons to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community; and

WHEREAS, the Developmental Disabilities BSG Program, by designation of the Governor, was previously administered by the CNMI Public School System, which acted as the "Designated State Agency" for purposes of the federal Developmental Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, the Developmental Disabilities BSG Program received accounting services, office space, grant assistance, and general administrative support from the Public School System; and

WHEREAS, it is the express, official desire of both the Public School System and the Developmental Disabilities Council that this Administrative arrangement cease and that a new "State Agency" be designated; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the efficient administration of government, it is desired that, effective August 10, 1991, the Developmental Disabilities Basic State Grant Program separate from the administrative oversight of the PSS; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor be designated as the State Agency required in the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act Section 122(b)(1)(B) to administer the Developmental Disabilities BSG Program;

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me by Article III, Section 15 of the Commonwealth Constitution and in conformance with Section 122(b)(1)(B) of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1990 (as amended by Public Law 101-496); it is

ORDERED, that effective August 10, 1991:

(a) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Developmental Disabilities Basic State Grant Program shall be established as the Developmental Disabilities Planning Office within the Office of the Governor and shall be the Commonwealth agency to receive, account for, and disburse funds based on the "State" plan required in Section 122 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act 1990;

(b) the Developmental Disabilities Basic State Grant Program shall be constituted in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of the CNMI Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, as amended October 1990, attached hereto as Attachment 1 and by this reference made a part hereof;

(c) that all funds related to the programmatic and administrative activities of the Developmental Disabilities Basic State Program, as now administered by the Public School System, be transferred to the CNMI Director of Finance who shall establish the appropriate accounts to reflect the provisions of this Order;

(d) if any provision of this Order or the application to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of this Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable;

(e) that this Executive Order shall be effective retroactive to August 10, 1991, upon signature of the Governor.

Date: 8/16/91

  
LORENZO F. DE LEON GUERRERO  
Governor