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The Honorable Jesus R. Sablan
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The Honorable Diego T. Benavente
Speaker, House of Representatives
Tenth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed is a copy of Executive Order 96-4, which delays the implementation of Executive Order 96-3.

This Order does not affect existing law. E.O. 96-3 was to go into effect on January 1, 1997. Since it has not yet gone into effect, it is not yet law. Since this Order does not affect existing law, the Legislature's approval is not required. However, I am providing you with copies for your reference and convenience.

It is not yet clear when the provisions of E.O. 96-3 will be implemented. In my supplemental budget request for FY 1997, I asked for funding for this transfer. You did not see fit to appropriate any money in this fiscal year. I may ask again for the following fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Froilan C. Tenorio".

FROILAN C. TENORIO

cc: Secretary of Public Health
Commissioner of Public Safety
Administrator, Law Revision Commission
Director, Emergency Management Office
Personnel Officer, Office of Personnel Management
Special Assistant for Management and Budget
Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-4

SUBJECT: Delaying the Re-organization of Emergency Medical Services

AUTHORITY: Constitution, Article III, Section 15

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are presently a part of the Department of Public Safety; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 96-3, which was to go into effect on January 1, 1997, would have re-organized EMS to be part of the Department of Public Health; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that this re-organization will not be possible at this time because the Legislature has not appropriated funds to support it, and also because the Departments of Public Health and Public Safety are not yet ready for it; and,

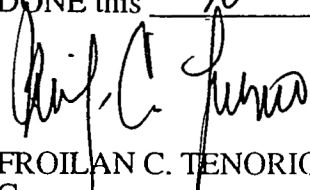
WHEREAS, it would not be in the public interest to attempt to complete this reorganization at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED:

1. That Executive Order 96-3 shall not go into effect on January 1, 1997; and,
2. That implementation of Executive Order 96-3 shall not take place until the Governor has determined that both agencies are ready, and the Legislature has provided necessary funding; and that such implementation shall be enacted by a further executive order.

DONE this 30th day of December, 1996.


FROILAN C. TENORIO
Governor