



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-24

REGARDING POLICIES FOR DISPOSITION OF  
ARCHAEOLOGICALLY RECOVERED HUMAN REMAINS

- WHEREAS, unmarked human remains are from time to time discovered and salvaged in the course of archaeological activities; and
- WHEREAS, such remains may be of persons with different cultural associations; and
- WHEREAS, study of these remains is desirable for the purposes of ascertaining actual cultural associations as well as to gain knowledge of past cultures and events; and
- WHEREAS, all human remains should be treated with dignity and respect consistent with the cultures of which they were members; and
- WHEREAS, the Territory of Guam stands in need of a consistent policy regarding the disposition of such remains which are discovered in the course of both government projects and private developments with governmental approvals or licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, by the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby order:

The declared policy of this Territory regarding unmarked human remains found in archaeological context is:

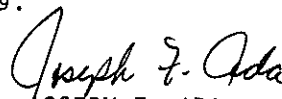
1. That burials be left in place undisturbed to the extent practical.
2. That all government agencies, bureaus, departments and commissions and private developers who need licenses, permits or other assistance from the government make reasonable and good faith efforts in consultation with the Guam Historic Preservation Officer to locate such burials that may be affected by their actions or developments early in the planning process.
3. That if such burials cannot practically be left undisturbed, removal shall be done with proper archaeological methods and documentation.
4. Scientific, medical or other study shall be restricted to the minimum necessary to ascertain cultural or ethnic associations, and to address significant research questions.



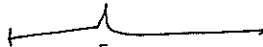
All research proposals regarding such remains must be adequately justified in terms of standards used by the Department of Parks and Recreation for archaeological data recovery projects.

5. In the absence of expressed preferences otherwise by persons with ascertainable relationships to the specific remains involved or other justifying circumstances, re-interment in an appropriate and respectful manner is to be considered the normal treatment of human remains removed from their original burial locations.
6. Such re-interment shall normally be in sealed containers with information regarding the original location and circumstances marked on the outside of the container and included within the container.
7. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation shall designate a location within the Territorial Park System as a location for re-interments of such removed human remains, and shall cause an appropriate memorial to be erected at the location.
8. Removal, examination and re-interment shall be at the expense of the government agency whose project necessitates the removal, or of the developer whose project requires governmental licenses, permits or assistance.
9. The Department of Parks and Recreation may issue rules and regulations to further implement these policies in an orderly and consistent manner.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 25TH day of  
SEPTEMBER 1989.

  
JOSEPH F. ADA  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



FRANK F. BLAS  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam