

Presidential Proclamation No. 12-63

Proclaiming March 13, 2012 as “University of Guam Charter Day”

& March 11 - 17, 2012 as “University of Guam Charter Week”

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the 44th anniversary of the University of Guam’s Charter and the 60th anniversary of the founding of the University of Guam, which was established in 1952 as the Territorial College of Guam and renamed the University of Guam in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam’s enrollment has grown an average of 3.5% over the last seven years reaching a high of 3,721 students for the 2011 Fall semester; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam manages a complex array of grants and contracts, which have increased two and one half times over the last 10 years reaching a high of \$48.6 million in FY2011; and

WHEREAS, the University, which has achieved an unprecedented 8-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior Commission in 2009, also has program-specific accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. for the Nursing programs; the Council on Social Work Education for the undergraduate Social Work program; the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education for the Education programs; and the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education for the Business Administration programs; and

WHEREAS, over the last 60 years the University of Guam has graduated almost 13,500 students, of which slightly over 11,000 received Bachelor’s degrees and about 2,500 received Master’s degrees; and

WHEREAS, graduates from the University of Guam, who maintain a strong, vibrant presence and having a dramatic effect on the political, economic, and social development in our region, include 188 graduates from the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, many of these University of Guam Palauan graduates have returned to our country to live and work as accountants, scientists, nurses, teachers, entrepreneurs, social workers, and many other specialties, and have thus become vital participants in Palau’s professional workforce and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the University of Guam, as the only four-year, U. S accredited, land-grant institution in the Western Pacific, is a public university offering 15 masters degree programs, 34 bachelors degree programs, and one associate degree in nursing, is celebrating throughout this year the 60th anniversary of its founding and will be welcoming thousands of people to it campus to honor the university's rich history and to draw attention to the rich array of educational programs it offers and the research efforts it is undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the University, as part of its 60th anniversary, has launched an aggressive capital campaign plan designed to increase needed capacity to accommodate continued growth as it continues to expand as the major institution and natural choice for students so that future economic, political and social changes continue to be researched, engaged and shaped especially in light of the impending growth of the Micronesian region:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johnson Toribiong, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau by its Constitution and laws do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 13, 2012 as University of Guam Charter Day and March 11 through March 17, 2012 as University of Guam Charter Week.

SO PROCLAIMED this 9th day of March, 2012, at the Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau