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NEWS RELEASE

Virtual Port Week Celebration Begins Tomorrow

Piti, Guam, October 25, 2020: The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam is celebrating its 45th anniversary this week, and will hold a series of virtual events starting tomorrow.

All events will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first event begins tomorrow morning with a virtual opening ceremony, consisting of a flag-raising ceremony followed by a parade of trucks, proclamation signing by Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio, and resolution presentation by the Port's Oversight Chairman Sen. Clynt Ridgell. At the end of the virtual opening ceremony, the Port will debut a video honoring their frontliners called "*The Port in the Pandemic.*" The entire opening ceremony can be viewed live on the Governor's Facebook page as well as on the Port's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/portauthorityofguam>.

"The Port Authority of Guam is celebrating 45 years and now, more than ever, we can see why the Port employees are proudly recognized as 'Port Strong,'" said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The Port is truly the lifeline of our island and our region, and this virtual celebration highlights the Port Strong Spirit. We manage to keep our island's only commercial seaport 100% operational, even throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. We work tirelessly for the people of Guam, and for all of our brothers and sisters of our neighboring islands. It was a must for us to continue this time honored tradition of recognizing the Port employees, as well as our local and federal partners, only this time we are doing this celebration virtually."

Other events include a Virtual Town Hall Ceremony, Virtual Employee Awards Ceremony, a Virtual Presentation to the Port Users Group Guam as well as a series of video premieres celebrating the Port, the Modernization Program and the men and women behind the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Seaport. The virtual events can all be seen on the Port's Facebook and YouTube pages as well as the agency's Port Week 2020 Website Page at portofguam.com/news/port-week-2020.

Background on the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port

On October 31, 1975, the Commercial Port of Guam was established as a public corporation and autonomous instrumentality naming it the Port Authority of Guam. This year marks the 45th anniversary, with a total of 368 employees committed to ensuring the uninterrupted flow of commerce through its wharves.

The Port provides maritime service to the island and is the only commercial seaport in Micronesia serving as the transshipment hub for the entire Western Pacific. The PAG

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operates the largest U.S. deep water port in the region and currently handles approximately 2 million tons of cargo a year. More than 90 percent of the island's goods and supplies pass over the port's docks and approximately 30 percent of the total cargo is military related and forecasted to increase due to the buildup. These sustained activities account for millions of dollars in commodities flowing into Guam's economy and connecting island residents with global products.