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NEWS RELEASE

Port Week Celebration Begins Tomorrow

Piti, Guam, October 23, 2022: The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam is celebrating its 47th anniversary this week and will hold a series of events starting tomorrow.

The first event begins tomorrow morning at 10:00 am with a flag-raising ceremony followed by a parade of trucks, proclamation signing by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, and a resolution presentation by members of the 36th Guam Legislature.

"We have accomplished so much these past four years toward improving and securing Port facilities to better serve the community all the while stabilizing Port finances and keeping employee morale and productivity at an all-time high," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Port Week gives us an opportunity to recognize our Port Strong employees, who are the backbone and driving force of these accomplishments, as well as our Port Users, who also are critical to our success."

Tomorrow's opening ceremony also will recognize all retirees from 2019 to present. The entire opening ceremony can be viewed live on the Port's Facebook page. Other events for the week will include employee townhall meetings, various sporting events and the celebration will conclude with a Grand Finale and Employee Recognition Ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2022.

"We would like to thank the Leon Guerrero and Tenorio Administration, our Board of Directors, the Port Users Group, as well as the the community for their trust and partnership enabling the Port to keep moving Guam forward," said Respicio. "Our hard work continues as we focus on the critical role the Port plays for the Department of Defense's Indopacific Strategy and Pacific deterrence efforts. Geopolitical matters make this a pivotal point at the Port and through Gov. Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Tenorio's advocacy, we are pursuing all funding opportunities available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and are deeply committed to making sure that Port employees' well-being is at the forefront of all that we do."

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 47th anniversary, with a total of 380 employees committed to ensuring the uninterrupted flow of commerce through its wharves. The Port operates the largest U.S. deep water port in the region and currently handles approximately two 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 the millions of dollars in commodities flowing into Guam's economy and connecting the island residents with global products.