

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson

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Resolution No. 2025-11

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PORT READINESS PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD), DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT), FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AGENCIES, PORT USERS, AND STAKEHOLDERS TO STRENGTHEN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, REGIONAL SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND TO SECURE INVESTMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, MODERNIZATION, AND OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM.

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam ("Port") is a designated strategic seaport that plays a critical role in the movement of military, commercial, and emergency response cargo throughout Guam and the broader Indo-Pacific region, handling over 90% of all imports into Guam and serving as the primary logistics hub for the CNMI and neighboring Western Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Port supports both civilian supply chains and military logistics, and is essential to U.S. force sustainment, homeland defense, and supply chain resilience in the Indo-Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Port Readiness Plan was developed under contract with WSP USA, with financial support from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), to assess and enhance the Port's ability to respond to natural disasters, security threats, and operational disruptions while maintaining the continuity of critical supply chain functions; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies key infrastructure, operational, and logistical strategies necessary to sustain the Port's mission in support of military readiness, regional commerce, and disaster response efforts, and highlights critical vulnerabilities such as aging gantry cranes, an inoperable deep-draft wharf, fuel pier damages, and outdated infrastructure that collectively threaten operational continuity and security; and

WHEREAS, immediate federal investment, including Department of Defense support, is necessary to modernize these facilities and address resilience gaps heightened by Guam's frontline strategic position; and

WHEREAS, the dissemination of the Port Readiness Plan to key federal agencies, local government entities, port users, and stakeholders will enhance coordination, improve emergency response capabilities, and reinforce the Port's role in supporting national security, regional commerce, and humanitarian efforts; and

WHEREAS, making the Port Readiness Plan available to these entities will facilitate collaborative engagement and position the Port's for critical funding and investment opportunities to modernize infrastructure, expand operational capacity, and enhance long-term resilience; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that all relevant stakeholders are informed and aligned with the Port's readiness strategies will strengthen Guam's economic and strategic security, benefiting both military and civilian operations; and

WHEREAS, access to the Port Readiness Plan will be limited and controlled, subject to classification under applicable law and approved by the General Manager based on what statute defines as a public document; and

WHEREAS, the Port Readiness Plan aligns with broader national security, defense, and Indo-Pacific regional strategies aimed at strengthening logistics, mobility, and resilience across key strategic locations; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam hereby authorizes the release of the Port Readiness Plan to the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Government of Guam agencies, port users, and other relevant stakeholders to promote emergency preparedness, regional security, and economic stability; and be it further



RESOLVED, that the Port will actively pursue funding and investment opportunities from federal agencies, grant programs, and strategic partnerships to support infrastructure enhancements, operational improvements, and modernization efforts aligned with the objectives outlined in the Port Readiness Plan, and urges federal agencies to prioritize these investments in recognition of the Port’s critical role in national defense and regional resilience; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairperson certify to, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS THIS 27th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.**

**DOROTHY P. HARRIS
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM**

**FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM**

