

## ISLAND OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HAGÅTÑA, GUAM 96932

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PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-022

Proclaiming March 2011 as,

## "Certified Government Financial Manager Month"

WHEREAS, transparency and accountability are the cornerstones of a responsible government, especially in the important area of professional financial management.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization that has been dedicated to serving those who are faced with the challenge of using financial resources within the government in the most effective way possible. Since 1950, the AGA has been the vanguard organization in addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers, and currently has 15,000 members and 100 chapters worldwide which represent every level of government financial management.

The Guam Chapter of the AGA has responded to the mission of advancing government accountability, as it continues educational efforts that emphasize high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics. The local chapter has made significant advances in professional ability and service to the citizens of Guam by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements.

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment; Governmental Financial Management and Control; and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting, and Budgeting. Additionally, the program requires candidates to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

Certified Government Financial Manager Month recognizes the hard work of these professionals, and demonstrates the commitment of the Calvo Tenorio administration to a transparent and accountable government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDDIE BAZA CALVO, I Maga' Lahen Guahan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as, Certified Government Financial Manager Month. I commend the Guam Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, and all government accountants, for their service to the people of Guam. Furthermore, I encourage our island residents to recognize the contributions of the Association of Government Accountants for diligently representing state, federal, municipal, and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of *Hagåtña* on this tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, *Apno Domini*, Two Thousand Eleven.

EDŐÍE BAZA CALVO I Maga' Låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

**RAY TEXORIO** I Segundo Na Maga' Låhen Guåhan

Lieutenant Governor of Guam

