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**THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM**

GENERAL ORDER 26-0005

In the Matter of the Assignment of U.S.  
Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy  
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(f), in an emergency and upon the concurrence of the chief judges of the districts involved, “a United States magistrate judge may be temporarily assigned to perform any of the duties specified in subsections (a), (b), or (c) of this section in a judicial district other than the judicial district for which he or she has been appointed. No magistrate judge shall perform any of such duties in a district to which he or she has been temporarily assigned until an order has been issued by the chief judge of such district specifying (1) the emergency by reason of which the magistrate judge is being transferred, (2) the duration of his or her assignment, and (3) the duties he or she is authorized to perform.”

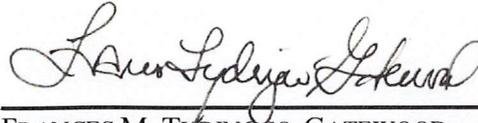
This Court finds that an emergency necessitates the assignment of certain duties to U.S. Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy of the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. These duties may include the duties specified in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of 28 U.S.C. § 636, in matters in which U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael J. Bordallo must recuse himself.<sup>1</sup> U.S.

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<sup>1</sup> Judge Bordallo is the sole magistrate judge in the District of Guam.

1 Magistrate Judge Kennedy's assignment shall continue for one year from the date of this order  
2 and for any additional time as may be required to complete any related business.

3 **SO ORDERED** on this 3rd day of March, 2026.

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9 Chief Judge, District of Guam

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14 Chief Judge, District for the Northern Mariana Islands  
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