## (2) Voting File:

- 1. The nomination of David JN Camacho to serve as a Member (Retired Teacher Representative) of the Guam Academy Charter Schools Council. Confirmed 12/15/21.
- 2. The nomination of Dr. Lisa Cooper-Nurse to serve as a Member (Ed.D. Representative) of the Guam Commission for Educator Certification. Confirmed 12/15/21.
- **3.** The nomination of Kyle Anthony G. Dahilig to serve as a Member (Youth Representative) of the Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors. **Confirmed 12/15/21**.
- **4.** The nomination of Dr. Judith P. Guthertz to serve as a Member of the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors. **Confirmed 12/15/21**.
- 5. The nomination of David B. Herrera to serve as a Member of the CHamoru Land Trust Commission. Confirmed 12/15/21.
- **6.** The nomination of Phillip L. Noret to serve as a Member (Architect Representative) of the Guam Building Code Council. **Confirmed 12/15/21**.
- 7. The nomination of Zina S.N. Ruiz to serve as a Member (CHamoru Culture Alternate Representative) of the Guam Historic Preservation Review Board. Confirmed 12/15/21.
- 8. The nomination of Edward S. Toves to serve as a Member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Confirmed 12/15/21.
- **9.** The nomination of Jacy T. Bravo to serve as a Youth Member of the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF/PBS) Board of Trustees. **Confirmed 12/15/21**.
- **10.** The nomination of Nolan G.T. Flores to serve as a Member (Student Representative) of the Guam Public Library System Board of Directors. **Confirmed 12/15/21**.
- **11.** The nomination of Jose U. Munoz to serve as a Member of the Northern Guam Soil & Water Conservation District Board. **Confirmed 12/15/21**.
- 12. The nomination of Rosalina M. San Nicolas to serve as a Member of the Northern Guam Soil & Water Conservation District Board. Confirmed 12/15/21.
- 13. VETOED BILL NO. 11-36 (COR) AN ACT TO AMEND § 19405(b) AND (c) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 19, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND TO BE KNOWN AS "THE RESTORATION OF SEPARATION OF POWERS ACT." Failed Override 12/15/21.

# I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session VOTING RECORD

Notwithstanding the objections of <i>I</i> Maga'hågan Guåhan, shall <b>VETOED Bill</b> <b>No. 11-36 (COR)</b> be overridden?	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building December 15, 2021					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator V. Anthony Ada	J					
Senator Frank Blas Jr.	J					
Senator Joanne Brown	J					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	J	5				
Senator James C. Moylan	J					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes					J	1
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson	J					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez		∥ √				
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell		J				
Senator Joe S. San Agustin		J				
Senator Amanda L. Shelton		J				
Senator Telo T. Taitague	1					
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje					J	J
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	1					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres		J				
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:						

I = Pass

RENNAE C. MENO Clerk of the Legislature

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX 513 W. Marine Corps Drive Hagåtña, Guam 96910 governor.guam.gov | (671) 472-8931 Doc. No. 36GL-21-0257.\*

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March 5, 2021

HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature Guam Congress Building 163 Chalan Santo Papa Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: <u>(VETOED) BILL NO. 11-36 (COR)</u> – An Act to Amend § 19405(b) and (c) of Article 4, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Requiring Legislative Authorization to Extend a Declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency and to be Known as "*The Restoration of Separation of Powers Act*"

#### Buenas yan Hafa Adai Madame Speaker!

Fundamental to the stability of our government is a recognition and understanding of the critical roles that the executive, legislative, and judicial branches play. We are each assigned important duties and responsibilities under the Organic Act of Guam. The legislative branch's job is to provide for the government's finances; it makes appropriations, levies taxes, and authorizes the incurrence of debt for the government of Guam. These duties are crucial to ensuring that the government has the resources necessary to provide public services to our island's population.

The executive's duties include providing for the island's public health. Coupled with an obligation to maintain general supervision and control over executive branch departments and entities, the authority and responsibility to recognize public health dangers and declare emergencies when necessary properly resides with the governor. Bill No. 11-36 is an attempt to undermine the separation of powers established by the Organic Act and properly recognized in Section 19405 of Chapter 19, Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated.

Later this month, our island will mark a full year in a state of public health emergency. When I first declared the emergency, Guam had not yet even identified its first cases of COVID-19. But just two days later, our first three cases emerged. Under the current law, any declared public health emergency terminates after thirty (30) days unless extended. Each time I have extended the emergency, it has been after a careful analysis of whether such continuance is supported by the data and our practical experience. If enacted, Bill No. 11 would require that such analysis be undertaken by the legislature, subject to that body's processes, which require a majority to agree. Very often, our response has required quick pivots in light of emerging science, changing federal guidelines, and data trends. This work does not lend itself well to decision making by



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committee. Delays in decision making can and will result in unnecessary death and suffering. I cannot believe that anyone would want such an outcome.

Certainly, important decisions of public significance should not be made in secret and without explanation about its underlying reasoning. The decisions I have made to limit the transmission of a deadly virus are subject to public scrutiny. I recognize that my actions are regularly being judged by members of our community, who have both a right and an obligation to understand and abide by any restrictions and mandates designed to safeguard our public health. But let's not pretend that Bill No. 11 is about a desire for legislative involvement or even transparency, as several legislators indicated during the debate. Executive branch agencies have regularly reported to the legislature, in writing and via frequent oversight and informational hearings. We should recognize this bill for what it really is: an effort to dictate the terms and conditions of a public health emergency by a body that does not have supervision or control over the agencies responsible for doing the necessary work to respond to the emergency and keep our community safe. Bill No. 11 is not an attempt to "restore" the separation of powers; it is an attempt to destroy it. It is for this reason that I veto Bill No. 11.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO Maga 'hågan Guåhan Governor of Guam

(J.Borja)

Enclosure(s): *Vetoed* Bill No. 11-36 (COR)

cc:

Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan Compiler of Laws

**COMMITTEE ON RULES RECEIVED:** March 8, 2021 8:00 A.M.

## I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

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## **CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that Bill No. 11-36 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 19405(b) AND (c) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 19, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND TO BE KNOWN AS "THE RESTORATION OF SEPARATION OF POWERS ACT," was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Echrugy 2021 duly and requirely page 4

February 2021, duly and re	egularly passed.		Terlaje se M. Terlaje seaker
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero I Maga'hågan Guåhan

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## *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

#### Bill No. 11-36 (COR)

As amended by the Prime Sponsor; and further amended on the Floor.

#### Introduced by:

Christopher M. Dueñas V. Anthony Ada James C. Moylan Frank Blas Jr. Joanne Brown Tina Rose Muña Barnes Telena Cruz Nelson Clynton E. Ridgell Joe S. San Agustin Telo T. Taitague Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Therese M. Terlaje Mary Camacho Torres

AN ACT TO AMEND § 19405(b) AND (c) OF ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 19, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND TO BE KNOWN AS "THE RESTORATION OF SEPARATION OF POWERS ACT."

#### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

- 2 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "*The Restoration of*
- 3 Separation of Powers Act."
- 4 Section 2. § 19405(b) of Article 4, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code
  5 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(b) Automatic Termination. Notwithstanding any other provision of
this Chapter, the declaration of a state of public health emergency shall be
terminated automatically after ninety (90) days, unless renewed by resolution
of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* under the same standards and procedures set forth
in this Article. Any such renewal shall also be terminated automatically after
thirty (30) days, unless renewed by resolution of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* under
the same standards and procedures set forth in this Article."

8 Section 3. § 19405(c) of Article 4, Chapter 19, Title 10, Guam Code
9 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

Termination by I Liheslaturan Guåhan. By a majority vote, I 10 "(c) Liheslaturan Guåhan may terminate the declaration of a state of public health 11 emergency at any time from the date of original declaration upon finding that 12 the occurrence of an illness or health condition that caused the emergency 13 14 does not or no longer poses a high probability of a large number of deaths in 15 the affected population, a large number of incidents of serious permanent or 16 long-term disability in the affected population, or a significant risk of 17 substantial future harm to a large number of people in the affected 18 population."