MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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AND ::

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 33202.1 TO PART 1 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 33, DIVISION 3, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING A GUAM COMMISSIONED NOTARY PUBLIC TO PERFORM COUNTRY NOTARIAL ACTS IN A FOREIGN FOR **DOCUMENTS TO BE USED IN GUAM.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Finding and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds 3 that there is often a need for notarial services for Guam residents while traveling in 4 the western Pacific-Asia region as well as foreign investors for documents or 5 affirmations needed on Guam. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to 6 authorize duly commissioned Notary Public's to perform their notarial acts beyond 7 the Territory of Guam on an occasional basis.

Section 2. A new § 33202.1 is *added* to Part 1 of Article 2, Chapter 33,
Division 3, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

10 **"§ 33202.1. Extended Jurisdiction Authorized.** As authorized by the 11 Attorney General of Guam, a Guam Commissioned Notary Public residing on 12 Guam *shall* be authorized to perform notarial acts on an occasional basis in foreign 13 countries for Guam residents or individuals requiring a document to be notarized 14 for and in the Territory of Guam in a manner strictly compliant with this Chapter. The accomplishment of all requisite notarial journal entries and compilation of all other mandatory records *shall* be adhered to and the journal and all requisite records pertaining to the notarial act *shall* subsequently be maintained on Guam as provided pursuant to this Chapter."

5 Section 2. Severability. *If* any provision of this Act or its application to 6 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such 7 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be 8 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the 9 provisions of this Act are severable.