I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 346-33 (cor)

Introduced by:

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AN **ACT** TO APPROPRIATE **FOUR** HUNDRED **THOUSAND DOLLARS** (\$400.000)**FROM** UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO PAY **PREMIUMS** FOR **FOSTER** CHILDREN HEALTH INSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Public Law 32-189 provides that Foster Children are included in the government of Guam's Group Health Insurance Plan, with the full cost of insurance provided by the government of Guam. *I Liheslatura* remains committed to providing quality health insurance to Foster Children, who are wards of the state.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the General Fund appropriation for Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) was based upon the historical average of ninety (90) foster children.

I Liheslatura finds that the foster children population is over two hundred (200), so additional funds are needed to provide insurance to the foster children as required under Public Law 32-189.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to provide health insurance to foster children.

Section 2. Appropriation for Foster Children Health Insurance Premiums. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance of the Health Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to the Department of Public Health and Social Services for the purpose of paying premiums for health insurance provided to foster children pursuant to Public Law 32-189. The DPHSS Bureau of Social Services Administration shall be the subscriber for foster children covered under Public Law 32-189, and shall remit payments to the Department of Administration or to the insurance provider for the purpose of paying premiums.