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351-32 (LS)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	AN ACT TO AMEND § 1022 OF CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE GUAM FLOWER.	06/12/14 2:35 p.m.	06/13/14	Committee on General Governmental Operations and Cultural Affairs			



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MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 351-32(LS)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 351-32(LS)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.


Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

I MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 351-32 (LS)

Introduced by:

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. 

**AN ACT TO AMEND § 1022 OF CHAPTER 10,
ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO THE GUAM FLOWER.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

finds that Guam's National Flower is the *Bougainvillea* (*Bougainvillea glabra*), or *Puti Tai Nobio* in *Chamorro*, a vine flowering plant native to and introduced from South America, specifically, the countries of Brazil and Peru and is considered as an invasive species to the islands. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the *Bougainvillea* are the official flowers of Guam; Lienchiang and Pingtung Counties, Taiwan; Ipoh, Malaysia; the cities of Tagbilaran, Philippines; Camarillo, California USA; Laguna Niguel, California USA; San Clemente, California USA; the cities of Shenzhen,

1 Huizhou, Zhuhai, and Jiangmen in Guangdong Province, China; and
2 Naha, Okinawa. *I Liheslatura* finds that the Torchwood (*Bikkiamarianensis* /
3 *Bikkietetrandra*), or *Gaosåli* in the *Chamorro* language, a plant endemic to the
4 Mariana Islands was nominated to be the national flower in the
5 past. *Gaosåli*, characterized by oblong green leaves and long tubular square
6 white flowers are exceptionally beautiful, are now found growing on the
7 rugged limestone cliffs near the ocean due to development. Lastly, *I*
8 *Liheslatura* finds that the *Gaosåli* was used a wick for lighting during the
9 night and as a torch light by our *Chamorro* ancestors. The stems contain a
10 flammable element and can be used as candles for lighting when cut into
11 short sections (University of Guam, Agriculture and Natural Resources,
12 Guam Cooperative Extension – Plants of Guam 99-2).

13 *I Liheslatura*, therefore, intends to pass legislation that will make the *Gaosåli*
14 the national flower of Guam and will serve to represent the unique and
15 rich heritage and culture of Guam.

1 **Section 2.** § 1022, Chapter 10, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, is

2 hereby *amended* to read:

3 **"§ 1022. Guam Flower.** There shall be and is hereby adopted an

4 official National flower which shall be the local flower known as "*Puti Tai*

5 ~~*Nobio.*~~" "*Gaosali.*"

6 **Section 3. Severability.** *If* any provision of this law or its application

7 to any person *or* circumstance is found to be invalid *or* contrary to law,

8 such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this law

9 which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications,

10 and to this end the provisions of this law are severable.