MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. <u>289</u>(FC)

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## AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA' LÅHEN GUAHÅN* TO EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT LAND TO ACQUIRE LOT NUMBER 279-RI, MERIZO.

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

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan 2 finds that solution to the flooding problem experienced in parts of Merizo 3 is to redirect the surface waters from the mountain through flood 4 mitigation canals constructed along Route 4 and then through lot number 5 279-RI Merizo (Area: 4, 846 +/- square meters). Such engineering feat has 6 left lot number 279-R1 useless for any other purpose but to maintain the 7 flood mitigation canals. If the Government of Guam acquires said lot, then 8 it enables access to approximately one (1) hectare of ocean front land of 9 Chamorro Land Trust Commission which otherwise has been land-locked 10 with no access at all. Owner of lot number 279-RI, Merizo approached I 11

Maga'låhen Guåhan to seek assistance to mitigate the problem. After 1 discussions with the Department of Public Works and I Maga'låhi, the 2 owner was advised to go to I Liheslaturan Guahan to request for either a 3 4 land exchange or cash compensation. The owner was advised by I Liheslatura to meet with the Department of Land Management and the 5 Chamorro Land Trust Commission to inquire about the possibility of a 6 land exchange or cash compensation. The Department of Land 7 Management has located resource lands to accommodate land exchange 8 with owner. It is therefore the intent of I Liheslatura to authorize I Maga'låhi 9 to affect a land exchange and thus acquire lot number 279-RI, Merizo. 10

Section 2. Authorization. Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, *I Maga' låhen Guahån* is hereby authorized to exchange government
property, on a value-for-value basis, to acquire lot number 279-RI, Merizo,
owned by David T. Yokoseki.