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AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY SALE, EXCHANGE, TRANSFER, PLEDGE, HYPOTHECATION OR ENCUMBRANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LOT NOS. 5136-1-1-1, 5138-R3, 5139-R3, 5139-3-R1 AND 5139-3-1 LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING, UPON WHICH THE CAMPUSES OF JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL AND CHIEF BRODIE MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARE LOCATED, AND ENSURING FOR PERPETUITY THAT THE PRIMARY USE OF THE PROPERTY SHALL BE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that for more than forty years, John F. Kennedy High School, which first opened its doors bearing the name "Tumon Junior Senior High School," has been an alma mater for many thousands of students. During the years immediately following Super Typhoon Karen's destruction in 1962 of the aged George Washington High School, the Tumon High campus housed both of the island's high schools for three years of double

I Liheslatura further finds that directly adjacent to the Kennedy site is Chief Brodie Memorial School, which had once been the island's campus for exceptional children and now serves as an elementary school.

Thousands more of our citizens have received at least a part of their education at the Chief Brodie facilities.

The land on which the schools are located holds memories for many of Guam's families that they will recall and cherish all their lives. As Tumon High and JFK High; as the surrogate campus for GW students in three years of double sessions; and including both versions of Brodie Memorial, the area encompassing the two campuses is rich in history and tradition. The playing field, track and gymnasium have been sites for championships, heartbreak and every emotion in between. They served as an important site for Guam's hosting of the South Pacific Games in 1999, during which our island welcomed athletes from across the region to compete in brotherhood and friendship.

I Liheslatura further finds that the deteriorating condition of JFK facilities have prompted discussions concerning major repairs needed for the school, and suggestions have been made that a new campus should be constructed at a different site. A few have even proposed that the property be sold in order to assist in financing the construction of new facilities.

While alternative facilities and locations may allow for modern, stateof-the-art schools with expanded educational programs, it is equally important that the history, traditions and memories of this important and very valuable real estate belonging to all of the people of Guam be preserved for future generations, and that proper facilities and accommodations be provided at the present site.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslatura* that the Government of Guam be restricted from any sale, exchange, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or encumbrance of the Government of Guam real property in the municipality of Tamuning upon which the campuses of John F. Kennedy High School and Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School are located, and ensure for

perpetuity that the primary use of the property shall be for educational purposes and that it remain in the hands of the Government of Guam.

Section 2. Restriction on sale of certain Government of Guam real property. The Government of Guam real property, identified as Lot Nos. 5136-1-1-1, 5138-R3, 5139-R3, 5139-3-R1 and 5139-3-1, with a combined area of approximately 171,706.65 square meters, all in the municipality of Tamuning as described in official Department of Land Management map documents attached as Exhibits I and II, upon which the campuses of John F. Kennedy High School and Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School are located, shall be restricted from any sale, exchange, transfer, pledge, hypothecation or encumbrance.

Section 3. Use of certain Government of Guam real property. The real property identified in this section as Lot Nos. 5136-1-1-1, 5138-R3, 5139-R3, 5139-3-R1 and 5139-3-1, with a combined area of approximately 171,706.65 square meters, all in the municipality of Tamuning, shall be used primarily for educational purposes for the benefit of Guam's children.

Section 4. No effect on existing agreements or interests. The requirements of this section shall not impair, modify or change the terms of any existing mortgage agreement or mortgage lien on the identified real property, nor impair an existing security interest held thereon.

Section 5. Severability Clause. If any provision of this Act or its application relative to the real property identified in this section as Lot Nos. 5136-1-1-1, 5138-R3, 5139-R3, 5139-3-R1 and 5139-3-1, with a combined area of approximately 171,706.65 square meters, all in the municipality of Tamuning, and relative to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.



