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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A 10% PAY ADJUSTMENT TO **EMPLOYEES OF** THE **DIVISION OF** ACCOUNTS, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The Office of the Public 2 Auditor reported as part of the financial highlights of the government wide 3 audit for the year ended September 30, 2007, that:

> "For the first time ever, the government of Guam financial audit was issued an unqualified 'clean' opinion, a historic feat.(emphasis added). The audit was submitted timely to the Federal State Clearinghouse by the June 30 deadline. All autonomous agencies issued their audits timely and their respective financial auditors also rendered unqualified or 'clean' opinions. The prior years' qualifications resulting from the independent auditors' inability to determine the sufficiency of the provision for tax refunds and the inadequate accounting records for Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) accounts receivables and capital assets were cleared in 2007. This accomplishment was a result of the collaborative efforts between the Department of Administration, Department of Revenue and Taxation, GMHA and independent auditors Deloitte and Touche LLP. While the government of Guam

deficit decreased by \$14 million (M) from \$524.1M in 2006, it still stands at \$510.1M or over half a billion (B) in 2007.

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This accomplishment is a milestone for the government, and most especially the Division of Accounts at the Department of Administration. These dedicated professionals have worked The staff were long and hard to accomplish this task. triumphant in accomplishing the arduous task of converting and entering accounting information from the old BACIS System to the ORACLE System and then back to the current AS400 Financial Management System within a span of 3-years. As employees of the Division of Accounts are not in a position to have increases to their salaries or reclassification made, as are those who do accounting for other departments and agencies of the government, it is desirable to award these dedicated professionals for this accomplishment by awarding a 10% Pay Adjustment to their current Pay Grade classification and step.

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It is important that work that is important and which achieves an unprecedented goal such as was achieved by the Division of Accounts employees of the Department of Administration be recognized and not go unnoticed.

Section 2. 10% Pay Adjustment. The employees of the Division of Accounts, Department of Administration shall all receive a 10% Pay Adjustment to their current Pay Grade classification and step. This pay adjustment shall be funded from any General Fund lapsed funds for prior year.