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**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TASK GROUP WITHIN
THE GUAM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN FOR THE AGANA
SPRING AND MINONDO RIVER AREAS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

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| Section 1. | Findings and Intent. |
| Section 2. | Authorization to conduct Feasibility Study. |
| Section 3. | Formation of the Task Group. |
| Section 4. | Presentation of Study and Recommendation. |
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Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the development of the Agaña Spring and the *Minondo* River serves to improve the quality of life for the citizens of *Didigi*, *Hagåtña* and the *Minondo* River area, and to address and mitigate the flood plain issue that has become problematic for the development of our island's capital.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the *Minondo* River used to run beneath *Tolai*
2 *San Antonio de Padua* (the Agaña Spanish Bridge), the river however was diverted
3 after World War II. Restoration of the river to as natural a condition as possible,
4 would also serve to increase the plant, animal, bird, and fish habitat. More
5 importantly, the mitigation and development of the area would create a compelling
6 place for people to use, and stimulate economic development adjacent to and near the
7 river corridor.

8 **Section 2. Authorization to conduct Feasibility Study.** The Guam
9 Economic Development Authority (“GEDA”) is hereby authorized to conduct a
10 feasibility study on the development of the Agaña Spring and Minondo River. The
11 Authority shall formulate a short and long-range economic development master plan
12 for the Agaña Spring and Minondo River area.

13 **Section 3. Task Force. (a) Establishment.** There is hereby established
14 within GEDA a Task Group to be comprised of the following:

- 15 (1) the Director of the Department of Land Management or his
16 designee;
- 17 (2) the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, or his designee
- 18 (3) the President of the Mayors’ Council of Guam or designee; and
- 19 (4) the Chairperson of the Hagåtña Restoration and Redevelopment
20 Authority, or his designee.

21 The Administrator of GEDA shall serve as the Chairperson of the Task Group.

22 **(b) Logistic Support.** *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* is authorized to designate
23 appropriate governmental agencies to provide office space, clerical and professional
24 assistance to the Task Group.

25 **Section 4. Presentation of Study and Recommendation.** The Task Group
26 shall within one year from the date of its first meeting, submit its study and

1 recommendation to *I Maga'lahañ Guåhan* and the Speaker and members of *I*
2 *Lihaslaturan Guåhan*.

3 **Section 5. Authorization for Funding.** The Task Group is hereby authorized
4 to apply for development grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other
5 federal offices.

6 **Section 6. Severability.** *If* any provision of this law or its application to any
7 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
8 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect
9 without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
10 law are severable.