

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 16 TO CHAPTER X OF PUBLIC LAW 31-233 (GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2013) MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND (TAF) TO HURAO ACADEMY, INC. TO CONTINUE THEIR MISSION IN PROMOTING AND PERPETUATING THE CHAMORU LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Chamoru language and culture has been and is under immediate threat of
4 extinction, and that the only “proficient” speakers of the Chamoru language are
5 now 50 years and older. Furthermore, with the average life expectancy of Guam’s
6 Chamoru people at 65-70 years, it is conceivable that the language will be extinct
7 by 2025.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Huråo Academy, Inc.
9 established in 2005, is a non-profit organization that was created in an effort to
10 address the need for a “stable” and “successful” Chamoru language program on
11 Guam. Additionally, Hurao Academy, Inc. is the first “full-immersion” Chamoru
12 language program to meet the needs of a community struggling to preserve their
13 language.

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1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Huråo Academy has grown its
2 language immersion program serving over 4,000 students. Furthermore, the Huråo
3 Academy also added parent, adult and corporate class programs serving over 2,000
4 students, parents, and adults in the community-at-large and have begun cultural
5 apprenticeship classes in blacksmithing and weaving, providing translation
6 services, ChagiChamoru, a television language program and a cultural preservation
7 program.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that revenue estimates for the Tourist
9 Attraction Fund (TAF) for Fiscal Year 2013 are tracking at Twenty-Five Million
10 Five Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars
11 (**\$25,596,688**), of which Twenty-Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight
12 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (**\$23,888,200**) is appropriated.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the TAF revenues for Fiscal Year
14 2013 are projected to exceed appropriations by One Million Seven Hundred Eight
15 Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (**\$1,708,488**), *in addition to* the
16 Fiscal Year 2012 ending cumulative fund balance of Four Million Sixty-Five
17 Thousand Fifteen Dollars (**\$4,065,015**), and is available for appropriation.

18 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Huråo Academy, Inc. has been
19 the only organization on Guam who has consistently provided Chamoru Language
20 Immersion programs to the community since 2005, and in the effort to increase the
21 number of native language speakers on Guam, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan*
22 *Guåhan* to support the Hurao Academy, Inc. to continue their mission to promote
23 and perpetuate the Chamoru language and culture for the past, present, and future
24 generations of children through the implementation of immersion community
25 programs, the development of educational materials, and any other related areas
26 that support this mission.

1 **Section 2.** A New Section 16 is hereby added to Chapter X (Guam
2 **Visitors Bureau) of Public Law 31-233 to read:**

3 **“Section 16. Appropriation to Hurao Academy, Inc.** The
4 sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000**) is hereby appropriated
5 from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to Hurao Academy, Inc. for the
6 purposes of continuing their mission to promote and perpetuate the Chamoru
7 language and culture. Notwithstanding the general provisions of §30107.1
8 of Chapter 30, Title 11 GCA, and this Act, this appropriation *shall* continue
9 to be available until expended. The provisions contained in Section 14
10 (Service and Reporting Requirements) of Chapter X of Public Law 31-233
11 *shall* be applicable.”

12 **Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein shall take
13 effect immediately upon the enactment of this Act.