

# I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

# **CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that Bill No. 44 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §2109 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING I LIHESLATURA TO SUBMIT THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO I MAGA'LAHI NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, PRIOR TO EACH FISCAL YEAR," was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D. Speaker

Rose Muña Barnes Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Maga'lahi's Office

**APPROVED:** 

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Public Law No.

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#### Bill No. 44 (COR)

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

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Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that it has become common practice for the annual budget of the government of Guam to be passed so close to the end of a fiscal year that *I Maga'lahi* is often *not* 

5 afforded ten (10) days to review the document. This "budgetary brinksmanship"

6 also leaves little time for *I Liheslatura* to address any Executive Branch concerns

with the annual budget prior to implementation of the budget at the beginning of a
 new fiscal year.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslatura* to set a deadline for passing and transmitting annual budget bills to *I Maga'lahi* for his consideration, to give *I Maga'lahi* adequate time to review the document, and also to permit *I Liheslatura* adequate time to address any concerns *I Maga'lahi* may have with budget bills prior to each fiscal year.

8 Section 2. A new §2109 is added to Chapter 2, Title 2, Guam Code
9 Annotated to read:

10 "§2109. Submission of Fiscal Year Budget to I Maga'lahi. The
11 annual fiscal year budget for the government of Guam shall be passed by I
12 Liheslatura and submitted to I Maga'lahi no later than August 31, prior to
13 each fiscal year."