I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 18-30 (LS), "AN ACT TO** *ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A GUAM VISITORS BUREAU 'RAINY DAY FUND',"* was on the 19th day of March, 2010, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 22nd day of March, 2010, at 2.15 o'clock P_M.

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APPROVED:

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date:

Public Law No.

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

Bill No. 18-30 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING A GUAM VISITORS BUREAU "RAINY DAY FUND".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Establishment of a Guam Visitors Bureau "Rainy Day 3 Fund".
 - (a) Statement of Intent. The need to establish a "Rainy Day Fund" as a safeguard against unforeseen circumstances which endanger one of Guam's economic mainstays tourism was one of the recommendations contained in the
- 7 Guam Visitors Bureau's Five Year Strategic Plan. This would be a prudent and

proactive measure that enables Guam to meet the challenges resulting from a natural or man-made disaster, or from external economic conditions that have severely affected Guam's ability to attract visitors.

(b) Guam Visitors Bureau "Rainy Day Fund" established. A new Article 3 is added to Chapter 9, Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

6 "ARTICLE 3
7 RAINY DAY FUND
8 §9301. Rainy Day Fund, established.
9 §9302. Annual Deposit.
10 §9303. Use of Funds.

11 §9304. Access to Funds, established.

§9305. Initial Deposit, identified.

§9306. Annual Audit, required.

§9301. Rainy Day Fund, established. There is hereby created, separate and apart from all other funds, the Guam Visitors Bureau "Rainy Day Fund" (hereinafter referred to as Fund). The deposits into the Fund shall not be commingled with deposits received from the Tourist Attraction Fund for the operations, special projects, and any other appropriations made to the Guam Visitors Bureau, and shall be kept in a separate bank account. The bank account shall be established and maintained by the Guam Visitors Bureau, and its funds shall only be available for use as stipulated herein.

§9302. Annual Deposit. An amount equal to one and one-half percent (1½%) of the adopted revenue projection of the Tourist Attraction Fund for each fiscal year, or a minimum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), shall be set aside and allocated by the Department of Administration to the Guam Visitors Bureau for deposit into the Fund

established by this Section. Each annual deposit *shall* be made over the course of the fiscal year as collections are received.

§9303. Use of Funds. The funds may be used to support identified activities to meet unforeseen *or* unanticipated challenges resulting from either a natural *or* man-made disaster that has occurred on Guam, *or* from external economic conditions that have severely affected Guam's ability to attract visitors.

§9304. Access to Funds, established. Following the approval of a resolution by the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau containing: (1) a statement of facts that a natural *or* man-made disaster has occurred on Guam, *or* certain external economic conditions have been experienced; (2) a recitation of the activities to be undertaken to mitigate the potential harm to Guam's tourism industry; and (3) insufficient funds are available for such activities within the current fiscal year's operating budget; up to fifty percent (50%) of the Fund's balance may be made available to the Guam Visitors Bureau for each such occurrence. *If* the activities to be undertaken require funding greater than the amount available, the Guam Visitors Bureau *shall* immediately notify *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* of their need for additional funding assistance, and seek the approval of legislation to expend *more than* the fifty percent (50%) authorized herein.

§9305. Initial Deposit, identified. Notwithstanding the general provisions of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, §30107.1, and for the purposes of the initial deposit *only*, the funds contained in the Guam Visitors Bureau's Bank of Guam Certificate of Deposit *shall* constitute the deposits for Fiscal Year 2009 and Fiscal Year 2010.

§9306. Annual Audit, required. The Guam Visitors Bureau

shall conduct an annual audit of the Fund to ensure compliance with all

statutory regulations governing its deposits and expenditures."