## 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. 220-30 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND §5150, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT AND ADVISEMENT," was on the 13th day of November, 2009, duly and regularly passed.

Acting Speaker

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Bill No. 220-30 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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## BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
that there exists a need for greater scrutiny in the preparation of bid documents and
in the awarding of bids for major purchases and contracts for services. I
Liheslatura finds that such involvement of the Office of the Attorney General in
the procurement process would ensure proper and expeditious procurement of

goods and services and would minimize protests of bid awards and allow for a more expeditious procurement process.

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I Liheslatura further finds that Guam stands to lose considerable amounts of federal funding due to questionable procurement practices. It is the intent of I Liheslatura, therefore, to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all who are involved in the procurement process and to preserve the integrity of the procurement system.

**Section 2.** §5150 of Chapter 5 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

**%5150. Duties of the Attorney General.** The Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General or such Assistant Attorneys General as the Attorney General may designate, shall serve as legal counsel and provide necessary legal services to the Policy Office and the General Services Agency. Whenever the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works, or the head of any executive branch agency, autonomous agency, instrumentality or public corporation of the government of Guam conducts any solicitation or procurement which is estimated to result in an award of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) or more, the Attorney General shall act as legal advisor during all phases of the solicitation or procurement process. The Attorney General shall, in addition, when he approves contracts, determine *not* only the correctness of their form, but their legality. In making such a determination of legality, he may require any or all agencies involved in the contract to supply him with evidence that the required procedures precedent to executing the contract were carried out. He may prescribe the forms and format required to be followed by the agencies in aiding him in his determination of form and legality."