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## I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

June 18, 2015

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam

Dear Maga'lahi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 49-33(COR), 94-33(COR), 96-33(COR), and 100-33(COR) which were passed by *I Mina 'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on June 17, 2015.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (4)

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker

## I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 94-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1037 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN ANNUAL WAR SURVIVOR REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR GUAM," was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015, duly and regularly passed.

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Bill No. 94-33 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1037 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN ANNUAL WAR SURVIVOR REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR GUAM.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that from December 8, 1941 to August 10, 1944, Guam was one of the few U.S.
- 4 soils to be occupied by enemy forces during World War II and the Chamorro
- 5 people endured one of the most tragic and horrific enemy occupations of the 20th
- 6 Century. Chamorros were enslaved and often forced to cultivate fields and harvest

food they could not eat. A great number of families suffered the loss of personal property and livelihood. Many women were raped, adolescents were deprived of their childhood, and thousands were subjected to physical abuse, detention, and torture. And while a good portion of the population were forced to dig holes that many believed would eventually be their graves, over 1,100 residents were in fact fatal victims of the occupation. In the end, the peaceful life that they had and cherished before the war was lost forever. And while we continue to fight for appropriate recognition of their suffering from the U.S. Congress, we must do everything we can here on Guam to honor the memories and the stories of those who endured so much. The legacy and heritage of our war survivors, known as our Greatest Generation, should be recognized by all the people of Guam.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to add June 28 as a special day to be called *War Survivor Remembrance Day*. The date *shall* be held in memorial every year in honor of the June 28, 1947, transmittal from President Harry S. Truman to the U.S. House of Representatives requesting consideration of the appropriation submitted by the Navy Department to pay claims for death or personal injury to residents of Guam. This special day will be used to honor the war survivors who have gone before us, to celebrate the lives of those still with us, and to remind all future generations that they must never forget the *Greatest Generation* that ever was.

**Section 2.** A new § 1037 is hereby *added* to Chapter 10 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"§ 1037. War Survivor Remembrance Day. June 28 of each year shall be known as *War Survivor Remembrance Day* in recognition of the *Chamorro* people who endured one of the most tragic and horrific enemy occupations of the 20th Century. The Governor is authorized and requested to issue a Proclamation annually calling upon the people of Guam to observe

War Survivor Remembrance Day. The Governor shall appoint a War

Survivor Remembrance Day Committee to plan and make appropriate
arrangements for the commemoration of this important, special day."

**Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.