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### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

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February 22, 2016

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo I Maga'låhen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'låhi Hagåtña, Guam

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Dear Maga'låhi Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 213-33 (COR), 223-33 (COR), 235-33 (LS), 238-33 (LS), 241-33 (COR), 242-33 (COR), 244-33 (COR) and 247-33 (COR); and Substitute Bill Nos. 89-33 (LS), 149-33 (COR), 191-33 (LS), 218-33 (COR), 228-33 (COR), 229-33 (COR), 231-33 (LS), 236-33 (LS), 245-33 (COR) and 248-33 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on February 18, 2016.

Sincerely,

TINAROSE MOÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (18)

# I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 238-33 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT/RESOURCE CENTERS FOR YOUTHS AND THEIR FAMILIES," was on the 18th day of February 2016, 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'låhen Guåhan this 22 MD day of February 2016, at 2.59 o'clock P .M. Assistant Staff Officer Maga'låhi's Office APPROVED: EDWARD LB, CALVO I Maga'låhen Guåhan Date: Public Law No.

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Bill No. 238-33 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) Community Social Development Unit
- 4 (CSDU)/Resource Centers, Division of Youth Development, was established in

1 August 1996 to decentralize its casework section and provide community-based

2 outreach, prevention and support services to at-risk youths and their families. In

3 1998, it expanded its services by opening a satellite office in *Toto* Gardens and

shortly thereafter in Talofofo, and eventually relocated to the Pagachao

Subdivision in Agat. The CDSU has evolved over the years for both "qualitative"

6 and "quantitative" outreach and preventive programs.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that in 2008, the CSDU applied for and received a grant from the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA) Community Development Block Grant to build the Haya Youth Center in Agat and the Lagu Youth Resource Center in Dededo. Their newest facility, the Kattan Youth Center in Mangilao, located next to the DYA, opened in March 2015.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that throughout the years, the CSDU has offered an array of services, including homework assistance, mentoring, tutoring, computer labs, arts and crafts, gardening, life skills, physical fitness/sports activities, and after-school care for court-involved youth, as well as those at-risk in the community. The programs are developed to provide a central community resource center to be used by youth and their families to enhance youth literacy skills and keep the youth out of trouble in order to increase self-esteem and decrease high incidents of youth confinement at DYA, crisis intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation. The courts have also recognized the CSDU and refer their wards to the programs and services available, demonstrating a shift from once being more of a "punitive option" to that of being more "treatment oriented." Some of these youth fell through the cracks early in their childhood and now receive proactive, preventive intervention to better increase their chances of success. This not only benefits the youth and their families, but also our entire community.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the CSDU has a number of community partners, including the Family Court and Juvenile Probation Office, the Guam

- 1 Department of Education, the Guam Community College, the University of Guam,
- 2 the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Department of Public
- 3 Health and Social Services, the Guam Police Department (Juvenile Investigations
- 4 Section), Mayoral Offices, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority,
- 5 Sanctuary, Inc., Big Brothers, Big Sisters, AmeriCorps Volunteers, and the Ladder
- 6 for Success Program.
- 7 I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that based on research students experience a
- 8 learning loss during extended breaks such as summer, which results in teachers
- 9 having to spend a few weeks at the beginning of the school year to help students
- 10 catch up. By providing additional funding, the CSDU can implement a summer
- 11 literacy program. All instructors, staff, and student tutors would require training to
- 12 deliver such services.
- 13 I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that, based on statistics showing the
- prevalence of tobacco, alcohol, and substance abuse among youths, there is a need
- 15 for youths to develop life skills that promote physical and mental health and
- 16 wellness.
- 17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Two
- Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the unreserved fund balance of
- 19 the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to the Department of Youth
- 20 Affairs to promote CSDU services that integrate research-based literacy programs
- 21 with a curriculum that, in part, will address health education and the prevention of
- 22 alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse; and it is also the intent of *I Liheslaturan*
- 23 Guåhan to ensure the success of the programs and services provided by the
- 24 Community Social Development Unit (CSDU)/Resource Centers, Division of
- 25 Youth Development by requiring DYA to collect data on the effectiveness of the
- 26 programs and services.

Section 2. Appropriation to the Department of Youth Affairs for the Community Social Development Unit/Resource Centers, Division of Youth **Development.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to the Department of Youth Affairs for the enhancement and expansion of the programs and services provided by the Community Social Development Unit/Resource Centers, Division of Youth Development.

Specifically, training areas required for staff and youth participants will include, but not be limited to: (a) health education and awareness on tobacco, alcohol, and substance abuse prevention; (b) programs for improving overall health and well-being; (c) community-based programs directed towards youth, low-income, or at-risk persons and families; and (d) increasing student success in academics.

**Section 3.** A detailed evaluation report which addresses the effectiveness of the programs and services provided by the Community Social Development Unit/Resource Centers, Division of Youth Development *shall* be provided by the Director of the Department of Youth Affairs to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* six (6) months after the enactment of this Act.

**Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.