I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN (2011) First Regular Session

Resolution No. 12 - 31 (Con)

Introduced by:

v. c. pangelinan

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RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF *I* LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN'S EXPENDITURE PRIORITY OF COMPACT IMPACT ACT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN AND TO THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO SUPPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS IMPACTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS.

Be it resolved by I Liheslaturan Guåhan:

1 Whereas, the Amended Compact of Free Association between the 2 Republic of Belau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of 3 Micronesia and the United States authorizes financial assistance to Hawaii, Guam, 4 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

5 Whereas, the goal of this assistance is to provide (through the year 2023) 6 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) in annual grants for the purpose of aiding in 7 defraying costs incurred as a result of increased demands placed on health, educational, 8 social, or public safety services as well as infrastructure related to such services to 9 jurisdictions in which qualified nonimmigrants from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, 10 the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau have claimed residence; and 11 Whereas, the Guam Memorial Hospital, the Department of Public Health

and Social Services, the Guam Police Department, the Guam Fire Department, the Office of the Attorney General (Department of Law), the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the Department of Administration are seeking funding relief to meet the increased demand in services provided to the public; and

- 1 Whereas, each jurisdiction is to provide a program plan to the Office of 2 Insular Affairs for the use of the funds prior to the awarding of the grant; and 3 Whereas, based on the population of qualified immigrants, Guam may 4 apply for and be awarded Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 5 (\$16,850,000) in grant funds; and 6 Whereas, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (Hospital) continues to 7 experience financial crises and seeks relief to pay for medical and pharmaceutical 8 supplies vital to the health and well-being of patients, and 9 Whereas, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) 10 and its Community Health Centers have made several requests for assistance with 11 continuing programs funded by ARRA grants which hired doctors and nurses to meet the 12 increasing demand for services to residents; and 13 Whereas, the Guam Police Department headquarters lease expires on 14 September 30, 2011, and a new facility is needed to ensure public safety continuity; and 15 Whereas, the Guam Fire Department suffers from the lack of working 16 equipment and ambulances; and 17 Whereas, the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Law 18 continue to struggle to account and distribute child support payments and need to upgrade 19 their computer system (APASI) which will enhance efficiency for accounting and finance 20 handling; and 21 Whereas, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the 22 Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities must fulfill the 23 requirements set forth in the Amended Permanent Injunction as ordered by the U.S. 24 District Court of Guam; and 25 Whereas, the Department of Administration has put forth a Request for 26 Information on Solutions for their current Point-of-Sales (POS) system, because they 27 must pursue the acquisition of said system as a solution to reduce costs associated with 28 leasing and credit card transaction fees with issuing banks. The POS is vital to ensuring 29 an unqualified clean government wide audit; and
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1 Whereas, I Liheslaturan Guåhan continues to explore opportunities of 2 relieving the General Fund which has been severely overstretched to subsidize projects 3 and services that qualify for other funding sources, and 4 Whereas, I Maga'låhen Guåhan holds the highest authority and position charged with finding alternative solutions for improving systems, programs and services 5 6 to improve the quality of life for the people he has been elected to serve; and 7 Whereas, it would only prove just and fit for I Maga'låhen Guåhan to 8 consider the matters mentioned above; and now, therefore, be it 9 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby present to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'låhen Guåhan, and to the 10 11 Honorable Anthony M Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas and 12 requests funding of the costs for the aforementioned Capital Improvement Projects and 13 Program Support across those specific government of Guam agencies and departments 14 from the annual allocation of the Fiscal Year 2012 Compact Impact Aid Funds; and be it 15 further 16 **RESOLVED**, that the sum of Seven Million One Hundred Thousand 17 Dollars (\$7,100,000) is hereby earmarked to cover the School Leaseback Program for the 18 Guam Department of Education; and be it further 19 **RESOLVED**, that the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) is hereby 20 earmarked to cover the Pharmaceutical Supplies for the Guam Memorial Hospital; and be 21 it further 22 **RESOLVED,** that the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) is hereby 23 available to cover Physician and Nursing Salaries and Pharmaceutical Supplies for the 24 Guam Community Health Centers; and be it further 25 **RESOLVED**, that the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 26 (\$750,000) is hereby available to cover the lease or construction of facilities for the 27 Guam Police Department; and be it further 28 **RESOLVED**, that the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 29 (\$750,000) is hereby available to cover the purchase of new ambulances for the Guam 30 Fire Department; and be it further

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1 **RESOLVED**, that the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars 2 (\$750,000) is hereby available to cover the lease or purchase of a new transactional 3 database system for tracking child support payments for the Office of the Attorney 4 General of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) is hereby
available to cover the expenses related to satisfying the Guam Department of Mental
Health and Substance Abuse Amended Permanent Injunction; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) 9 is hereby available to cover the lease or purchase of a Point-of-Sale system to receive 10 payments of taxes and fees for the Department of Administration (Treasurer of Guam); 11 and be it further

12 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attests 13 to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. 14 Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas; the Honorable 15 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Congressional Delegate, U.S. House of Representatives; 16 and the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

Judith T. Won Pat Speaker

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Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Senator and Legislative Secretary