

**MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 19(45)

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Relative to requesting the United States Department of Interior to immediately release Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in Compact Impact Aid to fund immediate physical infrastructure repairs required to ensure student health and safety in the Guam Public School System.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**
- 2 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam is an unincorporated Territory of the
- 3 United States of America with self governance; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Guam along with other insular territories and Hawaii have
- 5 become places of residence to citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia,
- 6 Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands pursuant to
- 7 provisions of the Compact of Free Association; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress committed and promised to
- 9 appropriate sums to offset costs incurred by the Territories inclusive of Guam
- 10 due to increased demand placed on educational and social services by
- 11 immigrants from the Freely Associated States; and
- 12 **WHEREAS**, the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003,
- 13 authorizes the appropriation of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) for each
- 14 fiscal year from 2004 to 2023 in grants for affected jurisdictions to aid with

1 services due to the residence from the Freely Associated States; and

2 **WHEREAS**, Compact Impact Funds shall be used exclusively for health,
3 educational, social, or public safety services, and infrastructure related to such
4 services specifically affected by qualified non-immigrants; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the disbursement of Compact Impact funds can be
6 allocated after a request is made by the Governor of Guam and further that
7 the governor may provide the Department of Interior with a report outlining
8 the impact of the Compact on his jurisdiction; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam's Public Schools which provide educational services
10 to citizens from the Freely Associated States are in dire need of structural
11 repairs and repair or replacement of inoperable air conditioners; and

12 **WHEREAS**, these infrastructure problems fall in line with the purpose
13 of Compact Impact grants as enumerated in United States Public Law 108-188;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, in the best interest and safety of all students attending
16 Guam's Public Schools, the immediate release of Compact Impact grants and
17 physical repairs is long overdue; and now therefore be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
19 hereby request that the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Låhen Guahan*,
20 submit to the United States Department of Interior a request to release
21 Compact Impact Funds in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for
22 immediate capital repairs to Guam's Public Schools; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
24 attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter

1 transmitted to Mr. David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the United
2 States Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs; the Honorable
3 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Congressional Delegate, U.S. House of
4 Representatives; and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE ___ DAY OF _____, 2007.

Mark Forbes
Speaker

Ray Tenorio
Senator and Legislative Secretary