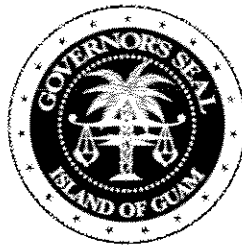


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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 161-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO § 2101 OF CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT WITHIN THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM, AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013" which I signed into law on November 27, 2013 as Public Law 32-082.

Senseramente,

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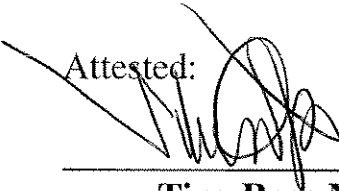
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 161-32 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO § 2101 OF CHAPTER 2, DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 7, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT WITHIN THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM, AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013", was on the 12th day of November 2013, 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'lahaen Guåhan* this 15th day of Nov.,
2013, at 11:28 o'clock A.M.


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APPROVED:


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
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Date:

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Public Law No. 32-082

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Bill No. 161-32 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Guam U. S. Military Relocation,
Homeland Security, Veterans' Affairs and Judiciary;
and further substituted and amended on the Floor.

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ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
WITHIN THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM, AND TO BE
KNOWN AS THE “JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF
2013.”**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Establishment of a Guam Veterans Treatment Court within**
3 **the Judiciary of Guam.** A new Subsection (d) is hereby *added* to §2101 of

1 Chapter 2, Division 1, Title 7, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the establishment
2 of a Guam Veterans Treatment Court, to read as follows:

3 “(d) **Establishment of the Guam Veterans Treatment Court.**

4 **JUSTICE FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013**

5 **GUAM VETERANS TREATMENT COURT**

6 (1) Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
7 recognizes that veterans, to include active, reserve and National Guard
8 servicemembers, have provided or are currently providing an
9 invaluable service to our country. In so doing, some may suffer the
10 effects of, including but *not* limited to, post traumatic stress disorder,
11 traumatic brain injury, and depression; and may also suffer drug and
12 alcohol dependency, or addiction and co-occurring mental illness and
13 substance abuse problems. As a result of this, some veterans or active
14 duty servicemembers come into contact with the criminal justice
15 system and are charged with felony or misdemeanor offenses. There is
16 a critical need for the criminal justice system to recognize that these
17 veterans may be suffering from a mental illness as a direct result of
18 their service to our country, and that appropriate judicial consideration
19 and treatment should be provided to the veteran in the application of
20 justice. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to realize
21 the establishment of a veterans’ treatment court program which would
22 benefit Guam’s veterans, their families, and the island community.

23 (2) Establishment of a Guam Veterans Treatment Court.

24 The Judicial Council of the Judiciary of Guam may establish,
25 through a duly adopted resolution, a Guam Veterans Treatment Court
26 program in accordance with the provisions contained in this Act. The
27 Guam Veterans Treatment Court may be a separate court of record or

1 a program of a specialized treatment court within the Judiciary of
2 Guam.

3 (3) Schedule of Fees for the Guam Veterans Treatment
4 Court.

5 The Judicial Council may establish a fee schedule to
6 supplement the cost for the conduct and operation of the Guam
7 Veterans Treatment Court. The creation of such fees, if deemed
8 necessary, *shall* be established in accordance with the Administrative
9 Adjudication Act requirements as set forth in law.”

10 **Section 2. Severability.** *If* any provision of this Act or its application to
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other
12 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid
13 provision or application.

14 **Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein *shall* be
15 effective upon enactment of this Act.