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DEC 16 2013

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D  
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Attached is Bill No. 134-32 (COR), entitled, ***“AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 67110 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICIAL LOCAL AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE “GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY,” WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR ENUMERATING THE POPULATION OF VETERANS ON GUAM, AND FOR THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR INCREASING OR ACQUIRING NECESSARY HEALTH CARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES,*”** which lapsed into law as **Public Law 32-101**.

The passage of new Public Law 32-101 re-affirms the commitment of *I Liheslatura* and my Administration to supporting our Guam veterans. As drafted, however, Public Law 32-101 represents an unfunded mandate, and compliance with the requirements for establishing and maintaining a Guam Veterans Registry on a semiannual basis will be difficult without a sufficient appropriation from *I Liheslatura*. I urge *I Liheslatura* to follow-up by providing the Office of Veterans Affairs with the means necessary to carry out the obligations imposed upon it by this new law.

*Senseramente,*

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*I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

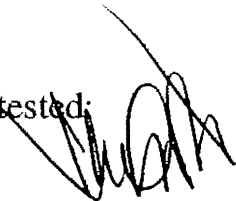
**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN**

This is to certify that Bill No. 134-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 67110 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICIAL LOCAL AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE "GUAM VETERANS REGISTRY," WHICH SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR ENUMERATING THE POPULATION OF VETERANS ON GUAM, AND FOR THE USE OF SUCH INFORMATION FOR INCREASING OR ACQUIRING NECESSARY HEALTH CARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES", was on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013, duly and regularly passed.



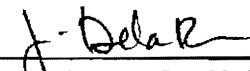
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nov,  
2013, at 11:28 o'clock A.M.



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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'lahen Guåhan*

Date: NOV 28 2013

Public Law No. 32-101

**I MINA 'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2013 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 134-32 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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

2           **Section 1. Establishment of a Guam Veterans Registry.** A new §67110  
3 of Chapter 67, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, relative to the Office of Veterans  
4 Affairs, is hereby *added* to read as follows:

1           **“§ 67110. Guam Veterans Registry.**

2           The Office of Veterans Affairs *shall* be responsible for the  
3 establishment and maintenance of a Guam Veterans Registry (Registry),  
4 which *shall* be updated *no less than* semiannually. The update of the  
5 Registry *shall* entail the addition of newly registered veterans residing on  
6 Guam, and the scrubbing of the list to ensure that the names of veterans who  
7 no longer reside on the island or who have passed away are deleted from the  
8 Registry. The Registry *shall* be utilized by the Office for the purposes of  
9 providing Guam veterans and their families with current information on  
10 veterans’ benefits and activities, through the use of its webpage or other  
11 means deemed necessary that would ensure the maximum dissemination of  
12 veteran-related information; and for the validation of Guam’s veteran  
13 population to further strengthen the Office’s ability to pursue financial  
14 resources and support in the provision of services or programs for the benefit  
15 of Guam’s veterans and their families. The Office may use data collected at  
16 other government agencies which may be collecting the required data, in  
17 whole or in part. Nothing herein *shall* relieve the duty of any other entity to  
18 collect veterans’ data for the benefit of veterans on Guam.

19           All government of Guam entities, whenever applicable, *shall* render  
20 assistance to the Office of Veterans Affairs in carrying out the provisions  
21 contained herein.”

22           **Section 2. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein *shall* be  
23 effective upon enactment of this Act.