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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Speaker I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No.86-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §10238 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM (PORT) TO WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO SATISFY A PREREQUISITE FOR APPROVAL OF A TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) COMMERCIAL LOAN" which I signed into law on June 28, 2013 as Public Law 32-042.

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO I Maga'lahen Guåhan Governor of Guam

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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 Substitute Bill No. 86-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §10238 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM (PORT) TO WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO SATISFY A PREREQUISITE FOR APPROVAL OF A TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) COMMERCIAL LOAN", was on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013, duly and regularly passed.

Acting Speaker Attested: Thomas C. Ada **Acting Legislative Secretary** This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guåhan this 36th day of June 2013, at 3'.00 o'clock ♥ .M. Maga'lahi's Office APPROVED: EDWARD J.B. CALVO I Maga'lahen Guåhan JUN 2 8 2013 Date:

Public Law No. 32-042

#### I MINA TRENTAI DOS LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

#### Bill No. 86-32(COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Public Safety, Infrastructure and Maritime Transportation.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §10238 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM (PORT) TO WAIVE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY TO SATISFY A PREREQUISITE FOR APPROVAL OF A TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) COMMERCIAL LOAN.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that on June 28, 2012, the Port Board of Directors approved the issuance of RFP

1 No. 12-014, soliciting the services of a commercial lending institution for the

- 2 financing of the Port's Service Life Extension (SLE) repairs on the Port's wharf,
- 3 and the procurement of a financial management system and a container top lifter,
- 4 with the total amount *not* to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000).
- 5 I Liheslatura further finds that on September 14, 2012, GEDA issued RFP
- 6 No. 12-014 and received three responses to the proposal. The Bank of Guam was
- 7 given the highest rating amongst the bidders. On October 26, 2012, the negotiation
- 8 team initially met with the Bank of Guam for the negotiation of terms and
- 9 conditions. On November 6, 2012, GEDA awarded the Bank of Guam as the
- 10 financial institution to provide the services.
- 11 I Liheslatura further finds that on January 22, 2013, the Bank of Guam
- informed the Port that a prerequisite for the closing of the loan was for the Port to
- waive its immunity from any suit or action in contract on any indebtedness
- authorized by Article 2 of Chapter 10, Title 12 of the Guam Code Annotated.
- 15 I Liheslatura finds that the Port's Board of Directors approved Resolution
- No. 2013-02 to waive the Port's immunity as a condition of the SLE loan, and
- accepted the commitment terms by the Bank of Guam, dated February 15, 2013.
- 18 I Liheslatura finds that the Port's General Manager transmitted a
- 19 memorandum to the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Safety, Infrastructure
- and Maritime Transportation, requesting consideration for proposed legislation as
- 21 found in Section 2 of this Act, relative to waiving sovereign immunity as a
- condition of the SLE Loan, dated April 5, 2013.
- Section 2. A new §10238 is added to Article 2 of Chapter 10, Title 12 of
- the Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:
- 25 "§ 10238. Sovereign Immunity Waived.
- Notwithstanding any substantive or procedural provision of
- Chapter 6 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, the Authority shall not

be entitled to immunity from any suit or action in contract on any indebtedness authorized by this Article. For the purposes of this Article only, immunity is waived as to the award of attorney fees in connection with any suit brought to enforce any right or obligation given under this Article, or in connection with the enforcement of the terms of any agreement or indenture that arises directly from the issuance of bonds or indebtedness authorized under this Article.

Should any suit or action arise or be initiated to enforce any of the terms of any agreement, indenture, or pledge of revenues, concerning the indebtedness authorized under this Article, any judgment therein *shall* be paid solely from the revenues of the Authority, and at no time shall any other property be subject to foreclosure or recourse to satisfy any suit or action authorized by this Article or judgment therein."

**Section 3. Severability.** If any of the provisions of this law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this law are severable.