



12TH FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS GUAM 2016

WHAT WE OWN, WHAT WE HAVE, WHAT WE SHARE,
UNITED VOICES OF THE PACIFIC

Resolution No. 2013-001

32nd Guam Legislature
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“Requesting for financial support from the 32nd Guam Legislature for Guam’s hosting of the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts to be held in 2016”

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WHEREAS, the 1969 Conference of the South Pacific Commission, now the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, conceived a quadrennial regional cultural event, called the Festival of Pacific Arts (“Festival”, “FestPac”), to resist the erosion of traditional customary practices; and

WHEREAS, FestPac has enjoyed continued growth and success since 1972 and has become a the largest gathering for cultural sharing and cultivation of deeper understanding and friendship between and among Pacific countries and territories, as seen by the attendance of the 11th Festival held in the Solomon Islands that was in excess of 2,000 participants and delegations from 27 Pacific Island countries and territories, including American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Easter Island, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna; and

WHEREAS, FestPac affords a superb opportunity for the Pacific people of the region, with 27 Pacific Island countries and territories scheduled to participate, to gather and share the uniqueness of their respective cultures, promote the preservation of their traditional customary practices, showcase many contemporary developments; and for the host country to present itself to its own people and the rest of the Pacific community; and

WHEREAS, past Festivals have demonstrated, exhibited, and conducted a multitude of activities, including contemporary arts, traditional arts, photography, cinematography, body art, weaving, wood, bone and stone carving, tapa making, tattooing, jewelry, bead and shell work, costume pageants, pottery, floral arts, traditional medicine and healing crafts, traditional boat building and navigational crafts, traditional culinary arts, philatelic arts and traditional monies, literature, traditional and contemporary performing arts (orations and story-telling, musical instruments, song, dance, theatre, drama, and fire walking), traditional sports, symposia, debates, and workshops; and

WHEREAS, Guam made its bid to host the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts and was awarded this distinction at the 10th Festival held in American Samoa, in 2008; and Guam officially received the Festival flag at the 11th Festival held in the Solomon Islands on July 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Guam 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts Coordinating Committee (“Festpac Committee”) was established by Public Law 30-83 and has been meeting regularly since March 2011; and

WHEREAS, the 12th Festival will carry the theme “WHAT WE OWN, WHAT WE HAVE, WHAT WE SHARE, UNITED VOICES OF THE PACIFIC”; and

WHEREAS, Guam in 2016 will not only be recognized as the host nation to 27 Pacific Island countries and territories but will be a participating delegation that will showcase Guam’s unique Chamorro culture to the world; and


WHEREAS, the 31st Guam Legislature in its wisdom established a Guam FestPac Trust Account with the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Act, Public Law 31-77, and initially appropriated \$1,175,714 of which \$849,183.20 was deposited into the FestPac Trust Account; and in its wisdom, the 32nd Guam Legislature appropriated to the Guam FestPac Trust Account in the FY 2013 Budget Act \$200,000 of which \$141,670 has been deposited into the FestPac Trust Account thus far; and

WHEREAS, the FestPac Committee on July 24, 2013, approved a 2016 Festival Overall Budget of \$13,034,140.00; of which an estimated \$6,000,000 will come from in-kind contribution; and the remaining \$7,034,140.00 to come from Government financial support of \$5,000,000 and the remaining \$2,034,140 will be raised in corporate sponsorships, fundraisings and merchandise.


BE IT RESOLVED by the Guam 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts Coordinating Committee, that the Guam hosting of the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts in 2016 requires the financial support of the Government of Guam for the next three fiscal years (FY 2014, 2015, 2016) in an annual support of \$1,209,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts Coordinating Committee certifies, and attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Speaker of the 32nd Guam Legislature; the Honorable Benjamin J. F. Cruz, Vice Speaker and Chairperson, Committee on Culture; the Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan, Senator and Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations; and all Honorable Senators of the 32nd Guam Legislature, I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan.

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