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Office of the Speaker -  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

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

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Dear Madame Speaker:

Attached is Bill No. 204-33 (COR), entitled, "An act to add a new § 1106(a) to Chapter 1 of Title 2, Guam Code Annotated; and to Amend § 40109(a) of Chapter 40 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Reducing the Compensation of Elected and Appointed officials," which I have **VETOED**.

The reason for my veto is simple. The integrity of the Hay study, which set the salary adjustment for the entire government, should be maintained. This has been my consistent message from the day my office submitted the plan two years ago.

I argued against politicizing the effort to ensure parity, but the Democratic leadership did just that and bifurcated the bill. And now, with the election 8 months away, we are again revisiting this issue. Worse yet, you are including the mayors who are at the frontline to people in the villages.

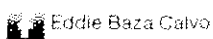
And I believe that for the Legislature to use data from the first quarter is misleading. As the Department of Administration informed senators, there are huge payments made in that first quarter, including the lump sum of \$30 million for COLA required by law. My fiscal team is able to ensure these payments are made, however, while also paying out tax refunds.

I stand firmly by my fiscal policy team's success for 5 years running to manage the highs and lows of any given fiscal year. This same team postured Guam to accomplish record low-interest ratings on the bond market saving the people millions in debt service.

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The resurrection of this issue at this time is nothing but political maneuvering. If the Legislature is indeed sincere in its desire to help, it easily do so on its own. Each senator can appropriate the more than \$1 million hoarded in lapsed sums to areas where they believe the government's finances are lacking. Or they can simply volunteer to reduce their own salaries.

*Senseramente,*



EDDIE BAZA CALVO  
Governor of Guam

**I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2016 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 204-33 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 1106(a) TO CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO *AMEND* § 40109(a) OF CHAPTER 40 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REDUCING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS," was on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016, 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'låhen Guåhan* this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:

  
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'låhi's Office*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. \_\_\_\_\_

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*I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**2015 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 204-33 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Michael F.Q. San Nicolas  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.  
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1        **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2        **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act *shall* be cited as the “Public Official  
3 Compensation Reduction Act of 2015.”

4        **Section 2. Restore Salaries to Levels Before Public Law 32-208.**  
5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, statutes, executive orders, regulations,

1 or compensation plans to the contrary, all laws, statutes, compensation plans, and  
2 compensation rates of elected and appointed officials whose compensation was  
3 affected by the enactment of Public Law 32-208, *except* as provided in Section 3 of  
4 this Act, are hereby reenacted to the language and amounts that existed prior to the  
5 enactment of Public Law 32-208.

6 **Section 3. Legislative Compensation.** Notwithstanding any other  
7 provision of law, a new Subsection (a) is hereby *added* to § 1106 of Chapter 1,  
8 Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

9 “(a) Compensation of each member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall  
10 be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments at the rate per annum of Fifty-  
11 Five Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars (\$55,307); the compensation  
12 of the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* shall be paid in twenty-six (26)  
13 equal installments at the rate per annum of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred  
14 Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$60,837). Such compensation *shall* be paid out of  
15 funds to be appropriated to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.”

16 **Section 4. Mayor and Vice Mayor Salary.** Subsection (a) of § 40109,  
17 Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

18 “(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
19 salary for a Mayor *shall* be Forty-Six Thousand Sixty-Two Dollars  
20 (\$46,062) per annum; and the salary for a Vice Mayor *shall* be Forty-Two  
21 Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$42,264) per annum.”

22 **Section 5. Governor and Lieutenant Governor Retirement Annuities.**  
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the retirement  
24 annuities of a Governor or Lieutenant Governor and their survivors, provided  
25 under 4 GCA § 8172, for a Governor or Lieutenant Governor who was in office  
26 between the enactment of Section 8 of Chapter IV of Public Law 27-5 and the

1 effective date of Section 2 of this Act, *shall not* be affected by any increase in  
2 annual salary during such period.

3       **Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other  
5 provisions or applications of the Act that can be given effect without the invalid  
6 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.