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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Woo Pal, Ed.D.

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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 384-33 (CJR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 5109(a) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC HOUSING," which was signed into law on December 15, 2016, as Public Law 33-201.

Sincerely,

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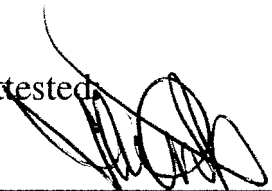
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 384-33 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO AMEND § 5109(a) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC HOUSING," was on the 2nd day of December 2016, duly and regularly passed.



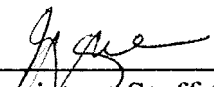
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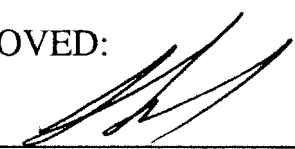
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 5th day of Dec,
2016, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.



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APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
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Bill No. 384-33 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO AMEND § 5109(a) OF ARTICLE 1,
CHAPTER 5, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A PREFERENCE FOR
VETERANS WITH RESPECT TO PUBLIC HOUSING.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the problem of homeless veterans has become a cause of national concern. It is
4 estimated that as many as forty thousand (40,000) veterans are homeless on any
5 given day. In addition to the root causes of all homelessness – extreme shortage of
6 affordable housing, livable income and access to health care – a large number of

1 displaced and at-risk veterans live with the lingering effects of post-traumatic
2 stress disorder (PTSD) and substance abuse. Furthermore, military occupations and
3 training are not always transferable to the civilian workforce, creating challenges
4 for veterans in seeking gainful employment. Those who have served our nation in
5 the military, often in combat, are deserving of not only our respect but the support
6 of the community in securing safe, clean housing in a supportive environment free
7 of drugs and alcohol.

8 For this reason, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the Guam
9 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, as the main public housing agency,
10 provide for a preference for veterans in the selection process for public housing
11 rental units.

12 **Section 2.** § 5109(a) of Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 12, Guam Code
13 Annotated, is *amended* to read:

14 **“§ 5109. Duties of Authority with Respect to Tenant Selection.**

15 (a) It may rent or lease the dwelling accommodations in a housing
16 project only to families who lack the amount of income deemed necessary
17 by the Authority to enable them, without financial assistance, to secure
18 decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings, within the area of operation of the
19 Authority, and to provide an adequate standard of living for themselves. The
20 Authority *shall* charge rentals which it determines to be within the financial
21 reach of such families. In the selection process, the Authority *shall* provide a
22 preference for any veteran, as that term is defined in 16 GCA § 7120.2(b)(1),
23 who is also the named applicant in any application for public housing.

24 The preference established by this Subsection *shall* be cumulative
25 with any other preference allowed by the Authority for which the applicant
26 qualifies, so that veterans have priority over non-service members and non-
27 veterans within each preference category.”