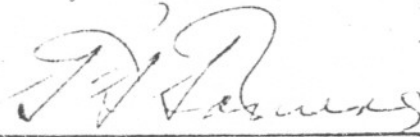


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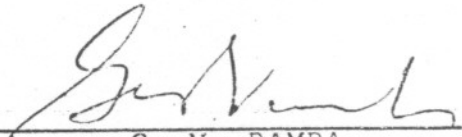
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This certifies that Bill No. 220, "An Act to amend Section 200 of the Government Code of Guam to declare December 8 a legal holiday", was on the 10th day of February, 1971, duly and regularly passed.



F. T. RAMIREZ
Speaker

ATTESTED:



G. M. BAMBA
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 18th day
of February, 1971, at 11:35 o'clock A.M.

/s/ VINCENT T. PEREZ
VINCENT T. PEREZ
Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

/s/ Carlos G. Camacho
CARLOS G. CAMACHO
Governor of Guam

DATED: MAR 2 1971
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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 200 OF THE
GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM TO DECLARE
DECEMBER 8 A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

1 WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic faith has played a predominant
2 role in the cultural life of the people of Guam since the 17th
3 century, the Chamorro culture as it now exists being so
4 inextricably intertwined with Catholic beliefs and practices
5 as to be almost empty of content were the Catholic tradition to
6 be ignored; and

7 WHEREAS, playing a central role in this tradition is the
8 figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, particularly in her local
9 manifestation as our Lady of Camarin, a tradition that goes
10 back to the very beginning of Christian history of Guam, the
11 whole island being dedicated to Saint Mary, and the principal
12 Feast Day of this Saint, December 8th of each year, being a
13 territorial holy day of practically universal observance since
14 time immemorial; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition, December 8, 1941, was that day of
2 infamy when Guam was invaded by Imperial Japan and the three
3 long years of enemy oppression commenced, Guam being the only
4 inhabited American community to suffer such an occupation during
5 the Second World War, the memory of those who made the supreme
6 sacrifice on their country's behalf being so sacred as to
7 require eternal commemoration; and

8 WHEREAS, it is therefore the consensus of the Legislature
9 that December 8th in each year should be made a territorial
10 legal holiday in celebration both of the Chamorro traditions of
11 Guam and in commemoration of those who lost their lives during
12 the long night of enemy occupation; now therefore

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

14 Section 1. Subsection (m) and (n) of Section 200 of the
15 Government Code of Guam are hereby renumbered Subsections (n)
16 and (o), respectively, and a new Subsection (m) is hereby added
17 to said section to read as follows:

18 "(m) Lady of Camarin Day - December 8."

19 Section 2. This Act is an urgency measure.