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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 36, "An Act to add Chapter XIV: to Title X of the Government Code of Guam to create a Senior Citizens Housing Board and to provide for the construction of a Senior Citizens Home in the territory", was on the 30th day of March, 1973, duly andd regularly passed by the Legislature.

Τ. RAMIRE Ε. Speaker

ATTESTED:

G. M. BAMBA

This Act was received by the Governor this <u>3hi</u> day of (ph), 1973 at 4:45 o'clock <u>D.M.</u>

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Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

CARLOS AMACHO Governor of Guam APR 13 1973 DATED:

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AN ACT TO ADD CHAPTER XIV TO TITLE X OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM TO CREATE A SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SENIOR CITIZENS HOME IN THE TERRITORY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. A Chapter XIV is hereby added to Title X of the Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

"CHAPTER XIV

Senior Citizens Housing Board

Section 9980. Short title. This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the 'Senior Citizens Housing Board Act'.

Section 9980.1. Creation of Board. There is hereby established a board to be known as the 'Senior Citizens Housing Board'.

Section 9980.2. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) 'Chairman' means Chairman of the Senior Citizens Housing Board.

(b) 'Board' means the Senior Citizens Housing Board.

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 (c) 'Governor' means the Governor of Guam.
(d) 'Fund' means the Senior Citizens Housing Fund. Section 9980.3. Legislative findings: declaration of policy. The Legislature finds:

(a) That many of the senior citizens of the territory of Guam are living in substandard housing, partly due to the lack of financial resources with which to move into more suitable housing, and accordingly there is within the territory of Guam a severe need for housing for the elderly;

(b) That many of the senior citizens of the territory are in need of housing that can properly be considered a 'home', which will provide the friendship and social patterns which such persons require for happiness and contentment in these later days of their life;

(c) That there is presently a shortage of housing units for the elderly, who need special physical amenities and environments, the private sector not finding it financially advisable to build such units;

(d) That it is therefore a proper function of the government of Guam to provide for proper and appropriate housing facilities for senior citizens, and to the advantage of the people of Guam for such facilities to * be constructed.

Section 9980.4. Members of the Board. Administration of this Chapter shall be under the direction of the Board which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Legislature. The members shall serve for terms of five (5) years each. The Board shall annually select a chairman and vicechairman from among its members.

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Section 9980.5. Duties and powers. The Board shall undertake the following duties and shall have the following powers:

(a) To make or cause to be made feasibility studies regarding the size, cost, site, financing, and planning for the proposed construction of a Senior Citizens Home;

(b) To select an appropriate site for the Senior Citizens Home;

(c) To prepare or cause to be prepared preliminary plans for the construction of the Senior Citizens Home;

(d) To engage architects, engineers, contractors, sub-contractors, clerical and any other technicalassistance necessary to carry out these purposes, and enter into any and all agreements necessary to carry out these purposes.

The accumulative expenditures under any of the foregoing shall not exceed in any year the amount appropriated to the Board for such year.

Section 9980.6. Criteria for Senior Citizens Home. (a) The Senior Citizens Home may consist, in the discretion of the Board, of apartments, condominiums, cooperatives, or other similar congregate types of structures; 1 5

(b) The Home shall be located in an area in the proximity of the municipality of Agana, to provide easy access for the elderly to the centers of shopping and government;

(c) Such Home shall be designed so as to include facilities for the physical and medical care of its senior citizens residents;

(d) Such Home shall provide for the continuing independence of the senior citizens residing there, shall

be non-institutional, and shall have the features of a 'home'.

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Section 9980.7. Report. The Chairman shall prepare a monthly progress and status report on the operations of the Board which report, upon its approval by the Board, shall be furnished to the Governor and to the Legislature.

Section 9980.8. Initial appropriation. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as the initial contribution to the Fund."