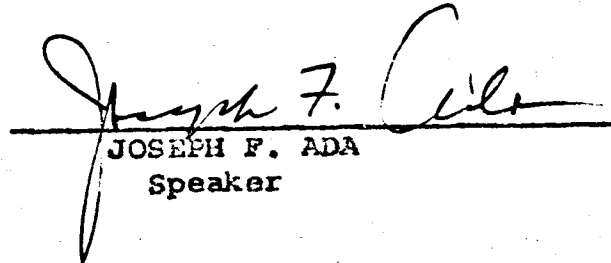


THIRTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1975 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 498, "An Act to amend the title to Chapter I, Title VI, Government Code; to repeal and reenact Section 5000 and add a new Section 5001, to the Government Code, relative to filling the vacancies caused by the temporary absence of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker or permanent absences of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor", was on the 20th day of October, 1975, duly and regularly passed.



JOSEPH F. ADA
Speaker

ATTESTED:



ERNESTO M. ESPALDON
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 22nd day of October, 1975 at 4:55 o'clock P.M.

/s/ Ruth F. Won-Pat

RUTH F. WON PAT
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

/s/ RICARDO J. BORDALLO

RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

DATED: NOV 8 1975
8:30 P.M.

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Bill No. 498
Substituted by the Committee on
General Governmental Operations

Introduced by F. F. Blas

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TITLE TO CHAPTER I,
TITLE VI, GOVERNMENT CODE; TO REPEAL AND
REENACT SECTION 5000 AND ADD A NEW SECTION
5001, TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE, RELATIVE TO
FILLING THE VACANCIES CAUSED BY THE TEMPORARY
ABSENCE OF THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
AND THE SPEAKER OR PERMANENT ABSENCES OF THE
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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

2 Section 1. The Title to Chapter I, Title VI, Government
3 Code of Guam, is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "CHAPTER I

5 Office of the Governor"

6 Section 2. Section 5000 of the Government Code is hereby
7 repealed and a new Section 5000 is enacted to read:

8 "Section 5000. Temporary vacancies, order of
9 succession. (a) The order of succession, consisting
10 of three (3) officers of the Executive Branch who shall
11 be eligible in the order named, to serve as Acting Governor
12 upon the temporary disability or temporary absence of both
13 the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall be the Director
14 of Administration, the Director of Budget and Management
15 and the Attorney General. While serving as Acting Governor
16 a person so authorized shall have all the powers of the
17 Governor.

18 (b) The order of succession, consisting of three (3)
19 officers of the Executive Branch who shall be eligible
20 in the order named, to serve as Acting Lieutenant
21 Governor upon the temporary disability or temporary

1 absence of the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor and
2 the Speaker of the Guam Legislature shall be the Director
3 of Administration, the Director of Budget and Management
4 and the Attorney General. While serving as Acting Lieuten-
5 ant Governor a person so authorized shall have all the
6 powers of the Lieutenant Governor."

7 Section 3. A new Section 5001 is added to the
8 Government Code to read:

9 "Section 5001. Permanent vacancies. (a) In
10 case of a permanent vacancy in the offices of both the
11 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the
12 Guam Legislature shall upon his resignation as Speaker
13 become the Governor, to hold office for the unexpired
14 term and until he or his successor shall have been duly
15 elected and qualified at the next regular election for
16 Governor.

17 (b) If by reason of death, resignation, removal
18 from office, inability or failure to qualify, there is
19 no Speaker to act as Governor under Subsection (a) of
20 this Section, then the Director of the Department
21 highest on the Order of Succession established by
22 Section 5000 (a) and (b) of this Act who is not under
23 disability to discharge the powers and duties of the
24 Office of the Governor shall become Governor. An
25 individual who becomes Governor under this Subsection
26 shall continue to serve until the expiration of the
27 then current term of the Governor. The taking of the
28 oath of office by an individual under this Subsection
29 shall constitute his resignation from the office upon
30 which his succession is based.

31 (c) During the period that an individual serves
32 as Governor under this Section, his compensation shall
33 be the same as that then provided by law for the Governor."