THIRTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1976 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No 725, "An Act to establish the Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility within the University of Guam," was on the 17th day of September, duly and regularly passed.

OSEPH F. Speaker

ATTESTED:

Concepcion Cice Barrett Legišlative Secretary

day_of This Act was received by the Governor this _________, 1976, at _______ 22 rt o'clock C/ .М.

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GUAM TROPICAL PLANTS DEVELOPMENT FACILITY WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. A new Chapter XI-D is added to Title XII of the Government Code to read:

"CHAPTER XI-D

Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility

Section 11899.1. This Act may be cited as the Guam Tropical Plants Development Act.

Section 11899.2. The Legislature finds it is practical and realistic to develop agriculture as a revenue-producing segment of the economy of Guam but to achieve this goal certain basic objectives must be set and impetus given for the accomplishment of these objectives. The objectives of the Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility shall be:

> To provide a constant reliable source of (a) staple food at low cost.

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(b) To establish a tropical plant 'bank' or germplasm to propagate seedlings, grafts and cross breedings which scientists throughout the world can use for information and research.

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(c) To serve as a tropical plants researchlaboratory.

(d) To serve as a tropical plants experimental, educational and demonstration site.

(e) And to serve as a general attraction for visitors.

In carrying out the objectives above set forth the Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility shall keep in mind that it is the finding of the Legislature that the overall objective shall be the development and establishment of cash food crops which shall be rich in nutrients, hardy and easily cultivated.

The Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility is directed to focus its research capabilities upon such tropical plants as breadfruit, mangoes, avocados, citrus, pineapples, bananas, papaya and exotic crops and other plants as may assist the Facility in the accomplishment of its mission.

Section 11899.3. There is established within the University of Guam as a part of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences the Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility.

Section 11899.4. (a) 'University' shall mean University of Guam.

(b) 'Facility' shall mean the Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility.

31 (c) 'Director' shall mean the Director of the Guam
32 Tropical Plants Development Facility, who shall be
33 designated by the President of the University.

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Section 11899.5. The Director shall organize the Facility to engage in:

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(a) Research and experimentation;

(b) Demonstration programs; and

(c) Conduct educational programs for the purposes set out in Section 11899.2.

Section 11899.6. The Director shall have the power to employ academic and non-academic personnel to be employed within the Facility subject to legislative appropriation. The Director is specifically encouraged to recruit for assistance in the accomplishment of the objectives of the Facility qualified scientist who during the basis of short term employment may make significant contributions to the objectives of the Facility.

Section 11899.7. The Director shall annually report in writing to the Legislature and the Governor upon the work of the Facility.

Section 11899.8. All agencies and officials of the government are authorized and empowered and shall cooperate with the Facility to the extent necessary to facilitate the exercise by the Facility of its powers, duties and functions under this Chapter.

Section 11899.9. The Director subject to approval of the President of the University is authorized to enter into agreements with the federal government and its agencies and private foundations and international agencies to receive assistance of all kinds for the achievement of its objectives, provided, however, that the Director shall not enter into any agreement which requires the utilization or expenditure of local matching funds without the concurrence of the Legislature, which concurrence

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shall be in the form of a resolution duly adopted by the Legislature.

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Section 11899.10. The activities of the Facility as herein authorized shall not be duplicated by the Department of Agriculture." Section 2. The Governor is authorized to and shall within 90 days from the enactment of this act convey to the University for use by the Facility not less than 15 contiguous acres in Lot 8 in Inarajan or any other suitable area. The Department of Land Management shall assist in the surveying and conveying of the property, which shall be property designated by the Director of the Guam Tropical Plants Development Facility as land suitable for the needs of the Facility.

Section 3. There is authorized to be appropriated Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from the Agricultural Industrial Development Fund to the facility for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act.

Section 4. For the purpose of financing the special tasks relative to public relations and the promotion of Guam at the 31st World Congress of Jaycees International to be held November 7-13, 1976, in St. Louis, Missouri and notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the Guam Visitors Bureau is directed to allocate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) of its FY77 budget for purposes of this Section.