FOURTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1977 (FIRST) Regular Session

## CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 172, "An Act to amend Sections 13903(31) and 13904(a) of the Government Code to authorize the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority to provide housing for elderly residents and to make application for certain Federal funds for said purpose and to transfer certain land to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority and to add Section 1104 to the Government Code of Guam to include within the laws of Guam the 'Equal Rights Amendment' giving equal rights to women," was on the 6th day of May, 1977, duly and regularly passed.

This Act was received by the Governor this <u>16th</u> day of <u>2May</u> , 1977, at <u>3:52</u> o'clock <u>M</u> . RUTH F. WON PAT Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office	O M. ESPALDON ative Secretary
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Bill No. 172 As Substituted by Author and further amended by the Committee on Housing & Community Development

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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 13903(31) AND 13904(a) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS AND TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SAID PURPOSE AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN LAND TO THE GUAM HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY AND TO ADD SECTION 1104 TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE LAWS OF GUAM THE "EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT" GIVING EQUAL RIGHTS TO WOMEN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. Section 13903(31) of the Government Code is amended to read:

"Section 13903(31). Adopt, from time to time, rules, regulations and conditions of admission to, and occupancy of, low-rent public housing dwellings and facilities, and housing facilities for elderly residents including rents and charges therefor."

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Section 2. Section 13904(a) of the Government Code is amended to read:

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"Section 13904(a). Participation in Federal programs.

(a) The Authority is empowered and authorized to participate in the programs of the Federal Government and its agencies including the Farmers' Home Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the fields of housing for low-income families, elderly residents and for persons engaged in national defense activities or for victims of a major disaster, urban renewal, and related activities."

Section 3. Transfer of Land. That certain government of Guam land located in the municipality of Dededo consisting of 39,136.26 square meters and more particularly described as Lot 5140-1 Ipao-Tumon, and Dededo, is hereby transferred in fee simple to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority.

The Director of Land Management shall within thirty (30) days of the enactment of this Act cause the necessary entries to be made in the records of the Department of Land Management to reflect the fact that the title to said subdivisions has been transferred to the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority.

Section 4. The project shall be designed to preserve the Latte Stone Park and other historical or cultural Chamorro artifacts and to generally integrate the project with the Chamorro aspects of the locale. Access to the beach and the Latte Stone Park shall be preserved. The design of the housing project shall, to the greatest extent practical, ensure the privacy of the elderly residents.

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Section 5. Section 1104 is hereby added to the Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

"Section 1104. Equal rights for women. (a) The Legislature finds that the proposed 'Equal Rights Amendment' to the United States Constitution whereby women are to be treated under law equally with men is an appropriate expression of law that should apply to Guam, but also finds that even if such amendment is ratified by the necessary number of States, it is not at all clear that the provisions thereof will apply to Guam, since not all of the U. S. Constitution so applies and the proposed amendment itself speaks only of a 'State'. The Legislature has therefore determined to enact as local law the provisions of the proposed amendment.

(b) Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex. All laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders with the force of law which are inconsistent with this section are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

(c) The Attorney General shall, within six (6) months after the effective date of this Act, submit a report to the Legislature enumerating therein all laws, rules, regulations and executive orders with the force of law which are inconsistent with the provisions of Subsection (b) foregoing."

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