FIFTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1980 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 473, "An Act to add a new Chapter 1A to Title XIV of the Government Code of Guam to provide for conservation of agricultural lands", was on the 11th day of January 1980, duly and regularly passed.

THOMAS V. C. TANAKA
Speaker

ATTESTED:

JAMES H. UNDERWOOD
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 23nd day of amany, 1980, at 2115 o'clock 12. N.

SHERRA L. FRANCISCO Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Staff

JOSEPH F. ADA
Acting Governor of Guam
DATED: 2/180 2:05 p.a

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Bill No. 473

Introduced by

T. C. Crisostomo

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 1A TO TITLE XIV OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM TO PROVIDE FOR CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

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

Section 1. A new Chapter 1A is added to Title XIV of the Government Code of Guam to read:

"CHAPTER 1A

Agricultural Land

Section 13010. The Legislature, recognizing the importance of the conservation of agricultural lands to human health and well-being, the quality of the environment, the status of economic stability and the position of territory of Guam in Micronesia to be a leader in food production, declares that it is the policy of the territory to use all practical methods to conserve and protect its most productive and important agricultural lands. In order to advance this policy, the Legislature finds that it is the responsibility of government agencies, boards and commissions to use all practicable methods, consistent with the law and other considerations of the territory's policy to:

- A. Minimize the amount of land which is annually being converted from agricultural uses as a result of their actions.
- E. Minimize the encroachment of industrial activities in intensively farmed agricultural areas, if such activities deprive farmlands of needed water resources.

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C. Assess the effects of major government actions on agricultural lands, including but not limited to, land use planning decisions, roads and urban development.

D. Identify the most significant agricultural land in the territory and to coordinate governmental activities, including formulating and implementing state policies, providing technical and financial assistance and regulatory actions, which affect agricultural lands in order to minimize the adverse impact upon such lands.

Section 13011. The Department of Land Management,
Department of Agriculture, University of Guam, Guam
Economic Development Authority and other appropriate
departments or agencies as may be assigned by the Governor,
shall report annually to the Governor and to the Legislature
regarding the total amount of prime agricultural land taken
out of agricultural production or adversely affected by
actions of such government agency, board and commission.
The first of annual reports shall be submitted not later
than January 20, 1981, and annually thereafter, the final
report to be submitted not later than March 20, 1985.

Section 13012. The Governor shall submit comprehensive annual reports to the Legislature regarding the total amount of prime agricultural land being utilized in agricultural production or adversely affected by actions of government agencies, boards or commissions. The first of annual reports shall be submitted not later than April 20, 1981 and annually thereafter, the final report to be submitted not later than April 20, 1985.

Section 13013. These sections shall remain in effect only until April 20, 1985, and as of such date is repealed."

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) to the

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- Department of Youth Affairs to defray the expenses of local preparation for the forthcoming White House Conference on
- 3 Families.

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