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SEP 29 1992

The Honorable Joe T. San Agustin
Speaker
21st Guam Legislature
Agana, Guam 96910

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "JB", enclosed in a circular scribble.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Attached herewith is Bill No. 856 which I have signed into law as P.L. 21-136.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Legislature for recognizing the problems in the original budget and working with us to correct those problems.

The original budget would have created a nightmarish ripple effect of injustice throughout the workforce of the Government of Guam. I am pleased that the Legislature has decided to remove those provisions that would have provided injustice for thousands of government workers and decided instead to return to the proper workings of the merit system.

Our staff discovered these problems, and we have worked closely with the Legislature, especially our republican colleagues to correct these problems.

I believe this recent episode, again, underscores the importance of working closely together on all these matters, without regard for political gamesmanship, and the setting aside of political difference for the common good. The best means of political promotion, we have always felt, is the simple goodwill one generates by doing a good job. If we stick by this simple truth, not only we, but all of Guam will be better off.

In signing this bill into law, I have item vetoed or reduced the following appropriations contained within Chapter III (Miscellaneous Appropriations) as follows:

- (a) ss5(a) and ss5(b) have been reduced to a level of \$20,000 each because there are sufficient funds for personnel and equipment in existing budgets.
- (b) ss9(c) has been vetoed as this function is more appropriately handled by the Executive Branch than by Legislative Commission. That this is true is made clear by the fact that this request originated as part of the Department of Commerce's proposed budget, from which no doubt, the author got the idea. We will resubmit this request at such time as funds are identified for this purpose.
- (c) ss11 has been vetoed because funding is no longer needed.



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- (d) ss15 has been reduced to \$50,000, because that is sufficient for the Bureau to begin this project.
- (e) Chapter 18(b) has been vetoed because the employment issue has already been resolved.
- (f) ss20 has been reduced to \$105,000, the fiscal year 1992 level of funding, absent the funds for the transit project now done by the Guam Mass Transit Authority. The administration will work with WPAD to make the transition as smooth as possible, and to assist them in meeting their needs.
- (g) ss22 has been reduced to \$125,000, the fiscal year 1992 level of appropriation.
- (h) ss23(b) has been vetoed because the department can absorb this obligation within current levels.
- (i) ss24 has been vetoed because the Department of Public Works can accomplish this project within its existing funding.
- (j) ss27 has been vetoed because the funding levels, therein, are insufficient to complete the project.
- (k) ss28(a) has been vetoed because funding for this program would set an expensive precedent.
- (l) ss28(b) has been vetoed. We will use our transfer authority to fund the Merizo Senior Citizen Center.
- (m) ss29 has been vetoed because this obligation can be met using existing Department of Education funds.
- (n) ss30 has been vetoed because funding for these purposes was found and released in fiscal year 1992.
- (o) ss31 has been vetoed because it is unnecessary as the Guam Fire Department has met its fiscal year 1992 obligations and funding has been identified for fiscal year 1993.
- (p) ss34 has been vetoed because funding for this program would set an expensive precedent.
- (q) ss36 has been vetoed because payment for this obligation may be made from current funding of the Mayors' Council.
- (r) ss37 has been vetoed because there is a flood control plan in existence, and the people of Agana are opposed to the massive changes in the village that would occur if the Army Corps plan was followed.

- (s) ss39(d) has been vetoed because it sets a dangerous precedent. Paving responsibilities should be left with the Guam Department of Public Works.
- (t) ss40 and ss41 have been vetoed because the Public Utility Agency of Guam is finishing its Southern Master Plan, and funding for these areas is premature.
- (u) ss42 has been vetoed because the Department has recently purchased such equipment.
- (v) ss45 has been vetoed because the funding level for this project is too low.
- (w) ss46 has been reduced to a level of \$80,000; sufficient for the conferences.


In Chapter 4, Section 25(b), the sum of \$50,000 is vetoed. It is too late to file an amicus brief.

These vetoes are necessary, as the budget received from the Legislature was a deficit budget. With the item vetoes as specified, we are producing a balanced budget with a surplus of approximately \$5 million. However, there remains the requirement of appropriating some \$5 million to offset the unfunded liability of the Retirement Fund, a matter I trust the Legislature will soon address.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you and your colleagues for the swift passage of this year's budget bill. Once again, we have demonstrated how, by working together for the good of all, we can accomplish any goal and benefit our people of Guam.

Thank you, again, and si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Sincerely,

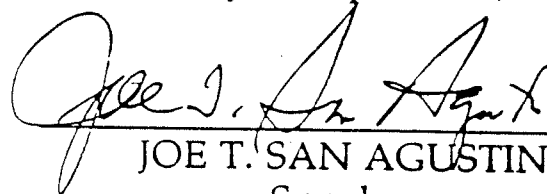

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

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TWENTY-FIRST GUAM LEGISLATURE
1992 (SECOND) Regular Session


CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 856 (COR), "AN ACT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE GUAM MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY, GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION, THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM, THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, AND THE GUAM LEGISLATURE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1993, AND TO PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVISIONS AS SPECIFIED," was on the 17th day of September, 1992, duly and regularly passed.



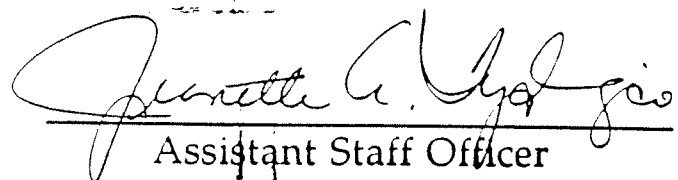
JOE T. SAN AGUSTIN
Speaker

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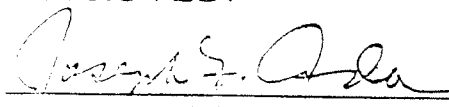
PILAR C. LUJAN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 17th day of September 1992,
at 9:20 o'clock P.M.

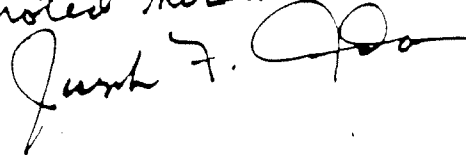


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APPROVED:



JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

*with the exceptions and
reductions noted herein.*


Date: SEP 29 1992 4:40 p.m.