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The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Speaker Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature Guam Legislature Temporary Building 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Refer to Legislative Secretary

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Substitute BILL NO. 97 (COR) "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNDER THE A.B. WONPAT GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AN AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING UNIT BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER I OF TITLE 12 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 24-05.

This legislation authorizes by law the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit operating under the authority of the A.B. WonPat Guam International Airport Authority. This unit is required in order to operate and maintain the air terminal. The new rescue and fire fighting unit will operate in the Air Operations Area, as defined in the GIAA's Master Plan. This means that the Guam Fire Department will operate in areas outside of the Air Operations Area, and defines for both the unit and the department their areas of jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez Governor of Guam

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TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 97 (COR), "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNDER THE A.B. WONPAT GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AN AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING UNIT BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 12 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED," was on the 8th day of March, 1997, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:

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JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this Jahl day of March 1997, at O'clock A.M.

Assistant Staff Officer Governor's Office

APPROVED:

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Governor of Guam

Public Law No. 24-05

Date: __ 3 - /9 -

TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 97 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee on Transportation, Telecommunications and Micronesian Affairs, and as amended on the floor.

Introduced by:

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1	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:
2	Section 1. Legislative Statement and Intent. The Guam Legislature
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4	within the A.B. WonPat Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA). An Airport
5	Operations Certificate is required by the Department of Transportation and the
6	Federal Aviation Administration in order for the A.B. WonPat Guam International
7	Airport terminal to operate. As part of the certification process, the GIAA must
8	have in place an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit. Without this Unit the A.B.
9	WonPat Guam International Airport terminal will be forced to cease operations.
10	The Guam Legislature further finds that in the event that an aircraft crashes during
11	takeoff, spilling and igniting fuel will affect hundreds of lives. Trained firefighters
12	must be able to respond to an emergency, analyzing and attacking spreading flames
13	within seconds. The firefighters will need training and experience to respond
14	quickly and correctly to such an emergency. The Guam Legislature further finds
) 15 16	that the Unit currently in place at the GIAA does possess this special training and
17	experience. It is therefore the intent of the Guam Legislature to establish the GIAA
18	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit.
19	Section 2. A new Article 3 to Chapter 1 of Title 12 of the Guam Code
	Annotated is hereby added to read:
20	"ARTICLE 3
21	A.B. WonPat Guam International Airport Authority
22	Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit.
23	§1301. Establishment.
24	§1302. Powers and Duties.
25	§1303. Officer in Charge at Scene of Fire.
26	§1304. Penalty, Obstruction of Operations.
27	§1301. Establishment. There is hereby established within, and as a division
28 29	of the A.B. WonPat Guam International Airport Authority, an Aircraft Rescue and
29	Fire Fighting Unit. The underlying purposes and policies of the Act are to

1 acknowledge that the GIAA has the duty to operate and maintain the A.B. WonPat

2 Guam International air terminal and related facilities for civil aviation purposes on

3 Guam, and that an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit is required to provide for:

4 rescue and life saving; safety of persons, equipment and facilities; and fire fighting

5 and salvage of equipment and cargo.

\$1302. Powers and Duties. The Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit shall have the power and duty to conduct and extinguish injurious or dangerous fires, and to remove that which is liable to cause such fires, assume complete charge of fire suppression, perform rescue operations and to enforce all laws relating to the preventing or spreading of fires and all laws pertaining to fire control and fire hazards within the Air Operations Area, as defined in GIAA's Master Plan. The GIAA Board of Directors, or its designee, with the assistance of the Chief of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit, pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law, shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations to promote the purpose of this Act. Any violation of the rules and regulations regarding the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

\$1303. Officer in Charge at Scene of Fire. The Officer of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit at the scene of any fire shall have full power and authority to direct the operation of extinguishing the same and to take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread thereof. In the course of such operations he may prohibit approach to such fire by any person, vehicle, aircraft or thing, and may remove or cause to be removed and kept away from such fire any vehicle, aircraft or thing, and all persons not actually and usefully employed, in the judgment of said Officer, in the extinguishing of such fire or the preservation of property in the vicinity thereof.

§1304. Penalty, Obstruction of Operations. Any person who shall in any way obstruct the operations of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Unit in connection with any such fire, or who shall disobey any lawful command of the Officer of the Unit in charge at the scene of such fire, or of the Guam Fire Department or the Guam Police Department in cooperating with them, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."