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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 238-33 (LS), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT/RESOURCE CENTERS FOR YOUTHS AND THEIR FAMILIES," which I signed into law on March 4, 2016, as Public Law 33-135.

Senseramente,


EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, FLD

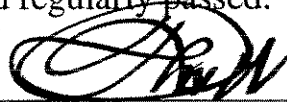
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I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that **Bill No. 238-33 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT/RESOURCE CENTERS FOR YOUTHS AND THEIR FAMILIES," was on the 18th day of February 2016, duly and regularly passed.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2016, at 2:59 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

MAR 04 2016

Date: _____

Public Law No. 33-135

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 238-33 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) Community Social Development Unit
4 (CSDU)/Resource Centers, Division of Youth Development, was established in

1 August 1996 to decentralize its casework section and provide community-based
2 outreach, prevention and support services to at-risk youths and their families. In
3 1998, it expanded its services by opening a satellite office in *Toto Gardens* and
4 shortly thereafter in *Talofofu*, and eventually relocated to the *Pagachao*
5 Subdivision in *Agat*. The CDSU has evolved over the years for both “qualitative”
6 and “quantitative” outreach and preventive programs.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that in 2008, the CSDU applied for and
8 received a grant from the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA)
9 Community Development Block Grant to build the *Haya Youth Center* in *Agat* and
10 the *Lagu Youth Resource Center* in *Dededo*. Their newest facility, the *Kattan*
11 Youth Center in *Mangilao*, located next to the DYA, opened in March 2015.

12 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that throughout the years, the CSDU has
13 offered an array of services, including homework assistance, mentoring, tutoring,
14 computer labs, arts and crafts, gardening, life skills, physical fitness/sports
15 activities, and after-school care for court-involved youth, as well as those at-risk in
16 the community. The programs are developed to provide a central community
17 resource center to be used by youth and their families to enhance youth literacy
18 skills and keep the youth out of trouble in order to increase self-esteem and
19 decrease high incidents of youth confinement at DYA, crisis intervention,
20 treatment, and rehabilitation. The courts have also recognized the CSDU and refer
21 their wards to the programs and services available, demonstrating a shift from once
22 being more of a “punitive option” to that of being more “treatment oriented.” Some
23 of these youth fell through the cracks early in their childhood and now receive
24 proactive, preventive intervention to better increase their chances of success. This
25 not only benefits the youth and their families, but also our entire community.

26 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the CSDU has a number of community
27 partners, including the Family Court and Juvenile Probation Office, the Guam

1 Department of Education, the Guam Community College, the University of Guam,
2 the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Department of Public
3 Health and Social Services, the Guam Police Department (Juvenile Investigations
4 Section), Mayoral Offices, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority,
5 Sanctuary, Inc., Big Brothers, Big Sisters, AmeriCorps Volunteers, and the Ladder
6 for Success Program.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that based on research students experience a
8 learning loss during extended breaks such as summer, which results in teachers
9 having to spend a few weeks at the beginning of the school year to help students
10 catch up. By providing additional funding, the CSDU can implement a summer
11 literacy program. All instructors, staff, and student tutors would require training to
12 deliver such services.

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that, based on statistics showing the
14 prevalence of tobacco, alcohol, and substance abuse among youths, there is a need
15 for youths to develop life skills that promote physical and mental health and
16 wellness.

17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Two
18 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the unreserved fund balance of
19 the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to the Department of Youth
20 Affairs to promote CSDU services that integrate research-based literacy programs
21 with a curriculum that, in part, will address health education and the prevention of
22 alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse; and it is also the intent of *I Liheslaturan*
23 *Guåhan* to ensure the success of the programs and services provided by the
24 Community Social Development Unit (CSDU)/Resource Centers, Division of
25 Youth Development by requiring DYA to collect data on the effectiveness of the
26 programs and services.

1 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Department of Youth Affairs for the**
2 **Community Social Development Unit/Resource Centers, Division of Youth**
3 **Development.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Two
4 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) is hereby appropriated from the
5 unreserved fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund as of September 30, 2015, to
6 the Department of Youth Affairs for the enhancement and expansion of the
7 programs and services provided by the Community Social Development
8 Unit/Resource Centers, Division of Youth Development.

9 Specifically, training areas required for staff and youth participants will
10 include, but not be limited to: (a) health education and awareness on tobacco,
11 alcohol, and substance abuse prevention; (b) programs for improving overall health
12 and well-being; (c) community-based programs directed towards youth, low-
13 income, or at-risk persons and families; and (d) increasing student success in
14 academics.

15 **Section 3.** A detailed evaluation report which addresses the effectiveness
16 of the programs and services provided by the Community Social Development
17 Unit/Resource Centers, Division of Youth Development *shall* be provided by the
18 Director of the Department of Youth Affairs to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* six (6)
19 months after the enactment of this Act.

20 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect other
22 provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid
23 provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.