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

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 94-33 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1037 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN ANNUAL WAR SURVIVOR REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR GUAM" which I signed into law on June 26, 2015, as Public Law 33-56.

Senseramente

RAY TENORIO

I Maga'låhen Guåhan, para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam

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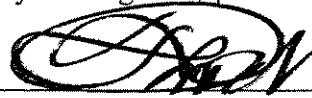
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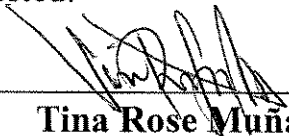
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÁHAN*

This is to certify that Bill No. 94-33 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1037 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DECLARING AN ANNUAL WAR SURVIVOR REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR GUAM," was on the 17th day of June 2015, 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'lahaen Guáhan* this 18th day of June,
2015, at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



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Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:



RAYMOND S. TENORIO
Acting Governor of Guam

Date: JUN 26 2015

Public Law No. 33-56

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Bill No. 94-33 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1037 TO CHAPTER 10 OF
TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
DECLARING AN ANNUAL WAR SURVIVOR
REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR GUAM.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* finds
3 that from December 8, 1941 to August 10, 1944, Guam was one of the few U.S.
4 soils to be occupied by enemy forces during World War II and the *Chamorro*
5 people endured one of the most tragic and horrific enemy occupations of the 20th
6 Century. *Chamorros* were enslaved and often forced to cultivate fields and harvest

1 food they could not eat. A great number of families suffered the loss of personal
2 property and livelihood. Many women were raped, adolescents were deprived of
3 their childhood, and thousands were subjected to physical abuse, detention, and
4 torture. And while a good portion of the population were forced to dig holes that
5 many believed would eventually be their graves, over 1,100 residents were in fact
6 fatal victims of the occupation. In the end, the peaceful life that they had and
7 cherished before the war was lost forever. And while we continue to fight for
8 appropriate recognition of their suffering from the U.S. Congress, we must do
9 everything we can here on Guam to honor the memories and the stories of those
10 who endured so much. The legacy and heritage of our war survivors, known as our
11 ***Greatest Generation***, should be recognized by all the people of Guam.

12 It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to add June 28 as a
13 special day to be called ***War Survivor Remembrance Day***. The date *shall* be held
14 in memorial every year in honor of the June 28, 1947, transmittal from President
15 Harry S. Truman to the U.S. House of Representatives requesting consideration of
16 the appropriation submitted by the Navy Department to pay claims for death or
17 personal injury to residents of Guam. This special day will be used to honor the
18 war survivors who have gone before us, to celebrate the lives of those still with us,
19 and to remind all future generations that they must never forget the ***Greatest***
20 ***Generation*** that ever was.

21 **Section 2.** A new § 1037 is hereby *added* to Chapter 10 of Title 1, Guam
22 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

23 “§ 1037. **War Survivor Remembrance Day.** June 28 of each
24 year shall be known as ***War Survivor Remembrance Day*** in recognition of
25 the *Chamorro* people who endured one of the most tragic and horrific enemy
26 occupations of the 20th Century. The Governor is authorized and requested
27 to issue a Proclamation annually calling upon the people of Guam to observe

1 *War Survivor Remembrance Day.* The Governor shall appoint a *War*
2 *Survivor Remembrance Day Committee* to plan and make appropriate
3 arrangements for the commemoration of this important, special day.”

4 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to
5 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such
6 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be
7 given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the
8 provisions of this Act are severable.