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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D Speaker I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 164-33 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 75105 (c) AND TO ADD NEW §§ 75112 (k) AND 75124 OF CHAPTER 75, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BULL CART TRAILS AND LAND REMNANTS BELONGING TO THE GOVNERMENT OF GUAM; AND TO CREATING THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SURVEY FUND INTO WHICH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE BULL CART TRAILS AND LAND REMNANTS SHALL BE DEPOSITED, AND THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND," which was signed into law on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015, as Public Law 33-90.

Senseramente.

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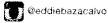
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## I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

### CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN

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> RAYMOND S. TENORIO Acting Governor of Guam

Date: NOV 0 9 2015

Public Law No. 3 3 - 90

#### I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 164-33 (LS)

As amended by the Sponsor.

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

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Chamorro Land Trust land inventory contains a substantial amount of land

1 that has yet to be surveyed and registered. I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that

2 the Chamorro Land Trust Commission is prohibited by § 75105(f) of Chapter 75,

3 Title 21 GCA from "leasing or licensing any available land until it is surveyed and

4 registered."

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that the government of Guam has a number of land remnants that are substandard in size, and as a consequence would not be suitable to build on. Additionally, there exists numerous stretches of bull cart trails which no longer serve the transportation function they were originally intended for because they have been replaced by alternate road corridors that have been subsequently constructed; and in many cases, these bull cart trails are now landlocked. Notwithstanding this fact, these land remnants have value and utility for landowners who own properties contiguous to the remnants or the trails, and I Liheslaturan Guåhan receives numerous requests for the authorization to purchase these public land remnants and old bull cart trails.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan intends to authorize the sale of these bull cart trails and land remnants. The proceeds from the sales will be deposited in a newly created Chamorro Land Trust Survey Fund, and will be used solely for the surveying of unsurveyed CLTC land and for operational needs in support thereof.

**Section 2.** § 75105(c) of Chapter 75 of Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended* to read:

"(c) The Department, with the approval of the Commission, or the Commission may sell to any contiguous landowner any fractional lot placed under its management which was created by the adoption of the standard block system, or bull cart trails that no longer serve the transportation function originally intended. The Chamorro Land Trust Commission *shall* offer any such land for sale to any contiguous landowner of such property, on written application of such owner, provided:

1 (1) that the land is not contiguous to government property, 2 does not serve as a utility easement, or does not provide access to 3 natural resources: 4 (2)that the sale price is based on the appraised fair market value having due regard to the fair market value of contiguous 5 6 properties, and that the price be paid in full in cash equivalent; 7 that if the property extends into property other than that (3)8 belonging to the applicant, that the property to be sold shall be subdivided to align with the borders of such adjacent owners; 9 10 (4)that notice of the application shall be given to all owners of land within five hundred (500) feet adjacent to the applicant's land; 11 that where the land to be sold adjoins land in addition to 12 (5)13 the applicant's land, and such adjacent owner timely objects to the 14 application, the land shall be sold by the highest cash price bid at an 15 auction conducted, to include the applicant and any other adjacent 16 owner objecting, it being a condition of sale that the highest price bid 17 is not less than the appraised fair market value; and 18 (6)that unless expressly provided otherwise, any use of the 19 term "owner," in relation to interests in real property, in this Title, as 20 well as any derivative thereof, including, but not limited to, "landowner" or "property owner," is presumed to mean an owner in 21 fee simple or absolute fee, and to exclude any other estate or interest 22 therein." 23 A new § 75124 is hereby added to Chapter 75 of Title 21, 24 25 Guam Code Annotated, to read: The Chamorro Land Trust Survey and Infrastructure 26 "**§** 75124.

Fund. The Chamorro Land Trust Commission shall create a special fund

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1	called the Chamorro Land Trust Survey and Infrastructure Fund (Fund),
2	which shall be maintained separate and apart from any other funds and shall
3	not be subject to the transfer authority of I Maga'låhen Guåhan.
4	(a) Notwithstanding any other provision requiring the
5	deposit of proceeds to other funds, the Fund shall receive:
6	(1) the proceeds of all sales of bull cart trails,
7	substandard lots, irregular lots, remnants, splinter lots,
8	fractional lots, easement purchase remnants, and easement
9	condemnation remnants belonging to the government of Guam;
10	and
11	(2) the proceeds of commercial leases or licenses
12	executed after October 2015.
13	(b) Expenditures from the Fund shall be made pursuant to a
14	resolution by the CLTC, and shall be restricted to the following
15	expenditures:
16	(1) for the subdivision, surveying, mapping and
17	registration of tracts of residential and agricultural land in the
18	CLTC property inventory; and
19	(2) for the construction of infrastructure, to include
20	access roads, water, and power utilities, to service CLTC
21	residential and agricultural tracts of land.
22	(c) The Commission shall report on a quarterly basis to the
23	Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan as to the revenues collected and
24	expended from the Fund, and post the same on the website of the
25	Chamorro Land Trust Commission. The Fund shall be subject to audit
26	by the Guam Public Auditor."

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