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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that according to the University of Guam (UOG) website, in 1989, the University of Guam Pre-Engineering Program was instituted to fill the need for engineers for Guam and other islands in the Western Pacific. This program produced students prepared for admission as juniors into any four-year engineering school accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in 2009, then UOG President, Dr. Robert A. Underwood, expressed his vision for establishing a four-year accredited

1 engineering degree program to support the current and growing demand for
2 engineering expertise in Guam and the region's private and public sectors. Then in
3 September 2016, the UOG Board of Regents established the new School of
4 Engineering, and in February 2019, the board approved a four-year Bachelor of
5 Science in Civil Engineering program, accredited by the ABET.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the academic mission of the School
7 of Engineering is to “develop highly competent professionals prepared for entry-
8 level positions in civil engineering, to further study in graduate school, and for life-
9 long learning and societal leadership” with the vision to “graduate highly qualified
10 engineers, maintain nationally recognized research, and provide quality
11 professional and community service to Guam, Micronesia, and the neighboring
12 regions in the Pacific and Asia.”

13 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the UOG has worked diligently in
14 financing the construction of the Student Services Center and the School of
15 Engineering with a U.S. Department of Agriculture Loan through the UOG
16 Endowment Foundation.

17 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that after further consultation with the
18 building contractors, the UOG learned of the increased cost to build due to the rising
19 cost of materials and supplies.

20 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the federal government authorized
21 reimbursements for Guam in the Earned Income Tax Credit program in 2021.

22 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Ten Million
23 Dollars (\$10,000,000) from the 2021 Earned Income Tax Credit program
24 reimbursement to the University of Guam for the purpose of providing additional
25 financial support for the construction of the Student Services Center and the School
26 of Engineering.

1 **Section 2. Appropriation to the University of Guam.** The sum of Ten
2 Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) from the revenues received pursuant to Chapter 42 of
3 Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, the Earned Income Program, reimbursement for
4 calendar year 2021, is hereby appropriated to the University of Guam for the purpose
5 of the construction of the University of Guam Student Services Center and School
6 of Engineering buildings; the unexpended amount may be used for other university
7 capital improvement projects and facility maintenance. This appropriation shall not
8 lapse and shall continue to be available until fully expended.

9 **Section 3. Reporting Requirement.** The University of Guam shall submit
10 a quarterly report to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Chairperson on
11 the Committee on Appropriations detailing the utilization of the appropriation until
12 such is exhausted.

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

18 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This act shall be effective immediately upon
19 enactment.