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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the Public Defender Service Corporation ("Corporation") is allowed to apply, receive, and administer federal grants to render legal aid and assistance to those persons in Guam, who, under rules established by the Corporation, are in the greatest economic and social need of legal assistance and representation, as provided in Public Law No. 36-19.

I Liheslatura finds that our *manåmko'* (elderly), the bedrock of our community, deserve quality legal services that could be duly provided by the hard-working and diligent staff of the Corporation, whose express mission already

1 includes the representation of people who are unable to afford an attorney in private
2 practice.

3 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the Corporation, in collaboration with the
4 Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Senior Citizens,
5 opened the Elder Justice Center in May 2021 to serve Guam's elderly, with the goal
6 of providing services to a waiting list of 252 clients. *I Liheslatura* notes that in the
7 three months since the opening of the Elder Justice Center, the Corporation has seen
8 their client list increase to nearly 500 clients in need of legal services, highlighting
9 the demand in the community for legal advice relative to managing and distributing
10 personal assets.

11 *I Liheslatura* further finds that the people of Guam are slated to receive
12 reimbursements from the United States Treasury from the Earned Income Program,
13 pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated.

14 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Five
15 Hundred Eighty Thousand Seventy Dollars (\$580,070) from the revenues received
16 pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, to the Public Defender
17 Service Corporation for the purpose of establishing a permanent Elder Justice
18 Center.

19 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Public Defender Service Corporation.**

20 The sum of Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Seventy Dollars (**\$580,070**) from the
21 revenues received pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, the
22 Earned Income Program, reimbursement for Calendar Year 2021, is hereby
23 appropriated to the Public Defender Service Corporation for the operations of the
24 Elder Justice Center, including personnel services, for Fiscal Year 2022.

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.