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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 18,
TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
ADOPTING A STANDARDIZED TYPE-FACE FOR THE
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. The Government of Guam has an obligation to ensure that all members of the community can access and understand their documents, reports, and communications. This includes persons with disabilities such as those with cognitive or visual impairments. To make sure this happens, it is important for the Government of Guam to adopt accessible font types in all its official documents, reports, and communications.

According to the United States Center for Disease Control, 1 in 4 persons living on Guam have a disability. Of that figure, 16% have either a cognitive or visual impairment. An accessible font type makes it easier for people who have difficulty seeing text on a page due to visual impairment or other disability-related issues. Additionally, fonts designed specifically for accessibility often have wider character spacing so they look less crowded which helps increase legibility even further. Using these kinds of fonts not only improves the ability of persons with disabilities in Guam to access and understand their documents, it also sends a

1 message that the Government of Guam is serious about creating an inclusive
2 environment. This will ensure our disabled citizens are given the same access to
3 information available to everyone else

4 **Section 2.** A new Article 3 is hereby *added* to Chapter 18 of Title 1, Guam
5 Code Annotated, to read:

6 **“Article 3**
7 **STANDARDIZED TYPE-FACE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF**
8 **GUAM.**

9 §1830. Adoption of Standardized Typeface for the Government of Guam.

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11 The government of Guam *shall* adopt a standardized typeface for use on all official
12 documents, reports, and communications generated after enactment of this Act. Each
13 entity *shall* utilize a Sans Serif font, with Arial, Calibri, and Seaford font as examples
14 that are in compliance with this Section.”

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

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective at the beginning of
21 the next calendar year following enactment.