

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 307-32 (WR)

Introduced By:

T.R. MUÑA BARNES
B.J.F. CRUZ

**AN ACT TO ADD SECTION 21 TO CHAPTER X OF PUBLIC
LAW 32-068 (GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2014)
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOURIST
ATTRACTION FUND (TAF) TO GVB FOR GUAMPEDIA
FOUNDATION, INC.**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that Guampedia Foundation, Inc. (Guampedia) is a non-profit organization that produces Guam's online encyclopedia and is a community project that seeks to create a comprehensive online encyclopedic resource about the history, culture and contemporary issues of Guam.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that through peer-reviewed entries and accompanying media, Guampedia provides an important educational and informational resource for Guam teachers and schoolchildren, for Chamorros living away from Guam, for visitors to our island, and for those who want a richer understanding of our island and its people.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that Guampedia was launched in April 2008 with the first 350 entries. Currently Guampedia has more than 1,000 entries, 2,500 photographs, numerous video and sound clips and

1 dozens of e-publications. More than 120 people have been a part of this
2 project to date, doing research, writing, peer reviewing, fact checking or
3 copy editing the Guampedia entries and media. Another 400 entries are
4 planned and will be added as they are completed.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that revenue estimates for the Tourist
6 Attraction Fund (TAF) for Fiscal Year 2014 are tracking at Twenty-Nine Million
7 Eight Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (**\$29,880,944**),
8 of which Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$28,500,000**) is
9 appropriated.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the TAF revenues for Fiscal Year
11 2014 are projected to exceed appropriations by One Million Three Hundred Eighty
12 Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (**\$1,380,944**) and is available for
13 appropriation.

14 **Section 2. A New Section 20 of Chapter X (Guam Visitors Bureau) of**
15 **Public Law 32-068 is added to read:**

16 **Section 20. Appropriation to Guampedia Foundation, Inc.** The
17 sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000**) is hereby appropriated
18 from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF) to Guampedia Foundation, Inc. for
19 the purposes of its operations. Notwithstanding the general provisions
20 of § 30107.1, of Chapter 30, Title 11 GCA and this Act, this
21 appropriation *shall* continue to be available until expended. The
22 provisions contained in Section 15 (Service and Reporting Requirements) of
23 Chapter X of Public Law 32-068 *shall* be applicable.”

24 **Section 3. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein shall take
25 effect immediately upon the enactment of this Act.