

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 241-33 (copy)

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$820,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE TO THE GUAM MUSEUM FUND FOR MUSEUM OPERATIONAL CASH FLOW.

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Intent and Findings.** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that there
3 exists approximately Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000)
4 in the Fiscal Year 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Unreserved Fund Balance available
5 for appropriation. A sum of eight hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$820,000) is
6 needed to carry the operations of the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility
7 (Guam Museum) for Fiscal Year 2016.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that the Guam Museum is a necessary
9 component of our tourism industry. It is an important resource that will tell the four
10 thousand (4,000) year old story of the island of Guam and her people. The Guam
11 Museum will place Chamorro Culture front and center as Guam's unique
12 competitive differentiator and aid the Guam Visitors Bureau in fulfilling Objective
13 Five of their Tourism 2020 plan. The Guam Museum will enhance visitor
14 experience as a unique cultural destination.

1 It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide the Guam Museum with funding
2 for FY 2016.

3 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,
4 the sum of Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$820,000) is appropriated
5 from Fiscal Year 2015 Hotel Occupancy Tax Unreserved Fund Balance to the
6 Guam Museum Fund for the purpose of providing Guam Museum operational cash
7 flow, to thus ensure museum operations to the end of fiscal year 2016. This
8 appropriation shall not lapse and shall remain available for the purpose identified
9 herein until fully expended.

10 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or its application
11 thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, invalidity shall not affect
12 any other provision or application of this Act which can be given effect without the
13 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
14 severable.