

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Bill No. *2020-35(COR)*

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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1039 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING *I MANMANACHU SIHA* ON THE SECOND (2nd) DAY IN SEPTEMBER.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Title. This Act *shall* be known as the "*Ákton Ha'änen I Manmanachu Siha Put I Taotao Tåno*".

Section 2. Legislative Findings and Intent. CHamorus and the people of Guam have a lengthy history of standing up for the people of Guåhan. During ancestral times up to the present, there have been numerous occasions when CHamorus and other members of our community have advocated for the peoples of Guåhan. Our community has overcome much and continues to progress as a society in the face of past and continuing challenges and injustices.

It is important that we recognize and commemorate this reality, and that we ensure that part of Guåhan's history is transmitted and taught to each succeeding generation. We need to instill that we have value and are worth championing, and

1 that we have many who stood up to make our lives better and of whom we should
2 be proud. To not remember, recognize, and commemorate them would be an
3 injustice to our heroines and heroes who have pushed for improvements and justice
4 for the peoples of Guåhan.

5 Many might think that standing up for the CHamoru people or the community
6 of Guåhan is not CHamoru or local behavior—that CHamorus and locals are
7 respectful and not supposed to challenge authority or speak up for themselves.
8 However, history tells us otherwise. We are where we are today precisely because
9 we stood up for ourselves when others said we should not be present or have a voice
10 in the matter, and because we have held onto much of what we value as a form of
11 resisting impositions from elsewhere. To them we owe much.

12 I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that it is important to recognize local advocates
13 and others who have advocated for the peoples of Guåhan. As we honor and
14 remember the meritorious visions and actions of the leaders before us and others
15 who collectively created sweeping changes for Guåhan, we encourage others to
16 follow in their footsteps.

17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to proudly recognize
18 CHamorus and other members of our community that have advocated for the peoples
19 of Guåhan on the second (2nd) day in September of each year.

20 **Section 3. Establishment of *Ha'ånen I Manmanachu Siha Put I Taotao***
21 ***Tåno'***. A new § 1039 is hereby *added* to Chapter 10, Title 1, Guam Code
22 Annotated, to read:

23 **“§ 1039. *Ha'ånen I Manmanachu Siha Put I Taotao Tåno'***

24 The second (2nd) day in September of each year is officially declared as
25 *Ha'ånen I Manmanachu Siha Put I Taotao Tåno'* to recognize CHamorus and other
26 members of our community that have advocated for the peoples of Guåhan. The
27 Governor shall issue a Proclamation annually calling upon the peoples of Guåhan to

1 observe *Ha'ānen I Manmanachu Siha Put I Taotao Tāno'. I Kumision I Fino'*
2 *CHamoru yan I Fina'nā'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' Taotao Tāno'* (the
3 Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of
4 the Indigenous People of Guam) *shall plan and make appropriate arrangements for*
5 *the observance of this day. I Kumision may delegate such planning to any other*
6 *appropriate entity.*”

7 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become immediately effective
8 upon enactment.