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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds the protection and conservation of limestone forests and other natural resources, habitats and ecosystems are vital to the mitigation of adverse climate change impacts, and is of critical importance to present and future inhabitants of the island.

Such conservation is particularly important for watershed and water protection, the prevention of flooding and erosion, the protection of aquatic and wildlife habitat, endangered species conservation and recovery, protection of limestone and ravine forests, and protection of historical and cultural sites and artifacts.

I Liheslatura further finds that when history is tied to the land, a natural partnership can develop between land conservation and historic preservation. Such conservation protects historical artifacts and this preservation in place

- 1 keeps the connection to those who have come before. This would allow for
- 2 the historic character of the land to be retained and preserved.
- 3 I Liheslatura also finds that, while the conservation of forested areas is
- 4 a practice which mitigates human contribution to global warming, rapid
- 5 commercial, residential, and military development on Guam has caused a
- 6 significant loss in forested area on the island.
- 7 The Guam Forestry Legacy Act of 2012 established the Guam Forest
- 8 System to allow the Department of Agriculture to meet its mandated mission
- 9 of developing and protecting Guam's agriculture, natural resources, and
- aquatic and wildlife resources by identifying and including Government of
- 11 Guam lands determined to be of compatible use to Guam Forest System
- inventory. However, no lands have been added to this inventory to date.
- 13 I Liheslatura finds that Lot 7147, also known as the Pagat Cave Site,
- in the Municipality of *Yigo*, was cited in the 1999 Department and Recreation
- 15 Parks and Conservation Lands Master Plan, and is an ideal location for the
- 16 conservation and reforestation efforts of the Department of Agriculture,
- 17 Forestry Division.
- 18 I Liheslaturan Guåhan intends to place Lot 7147 under the Guam
- 19 Forestry Legacy Act of 2012. The transfer would allow the Division of
- 20 Forestry the opportunity to remove invasive species and plant native plant
- 21 species indigenous to the limestone forest of the Northern portion of the
- 22 Island.
- Section 2. Grant of Administrative Jurisdiction. Administrative
- Jurisdiction of Lot 7147, Municipality of *Yigo*, consisting of 773,792 ± square
- 25 meters, and identified in map 043FY78 (Exhibit A), is hereby granted to the
- 26 Department of Agriculture for the purpose of placing Lot 7147 in the Guam
- 27 Forestry and Legacy Act of 2012 land inventory.

1	Section 3. Legislative Review and Concurrence. Notwithstanding						
2	any other provision of law, Lot 7147 shall not be sold, leased, subleased						
3	licensed, exchanged, or otherwise transferred without the prior approval of						
4	Liheslaturan Guåhan by duly enacted legislation.						
5	Section 4. Exemption from Appraisals. 2 GCA § 2107(b) and the						
6	Standing Rules of I Mina 'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan, relative to						
7	land appraisals, do not apply to this Act.						
8	Section 5. Severability. If any of provision of this law or its						
9	application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to						
10	law, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this law,						
11	which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications and						

to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

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