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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. A new § 72110 is hereby *added* to Chapter 72 of Title 10, Guam
3 Code Annotated, to read:

4 “§ 72110. Rip Current and Hiking Awareness Program and Outreach
5 Plan.

6 (a) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall prepare and
7 implement a public awareness program, which may include general public
8 awareness materials, to educate swimmers, hikers, visitors, and the general
9 public on the hazards of rip currents and hiking. Such public awareness
10 program shall include, but shall not be limited to:

11 (1) information about the risks of swimming and hiking in
12 hazardous conditions;

13 (2) methods for staying informed about weather conditions;

1 (3) areas that regularly pose hiking and rip current threats;

2 (4) information about how to identify, avoid, and survive hiking
3 and rip current threats;

4 (5) information about safety rules and guidelines and how to read
5 safety signage posted at public beaches and hiking trails;

6 (6) how to report drownings and missing persons; and

7 (7) information on available emergency services.

8 General public awareness materials may include pamphlets, brochures,
9 posters, advertisements in mass media, and any other appropriate media. Such
10 public awareness programs and materials shall be evaluated periodically to
11 ensure their effectiveness and information accuracy.

12 (b) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall prepare an outreach
13 plan on rip current and hiking awareness to I Liheslaturan Guahan no later
14 than ninety (90) calendar days from the enactment of this act. The outreach
15 plan shall:

16 (1) identify swimming hazards at beaches, rivers, and waterfalls
17 and hiking hazards along hiking trails;

18 (2) identify areas with strong rip currents and major hiking trails,
19 especially trails with rivers and waterfalls;

20 (3) identify or create safety guidelines to be placed on signage at
21 beaches with strong rip currents and all major hiking trailheads,
22 especially hikes with rivers and waterfalls;

23 (4) identify local, regional, or national funding or grant
24 opportunities for the program and identify other programs with like
25 objectives that may be sources of information, funding, or networking;

26 (5) recommend any other means to create awareness and
27 understanding of hazardous conditions and avoid or mitigate hazardous

1 conditions, including the creation of more sound environmental
2 conditions such as planting along major hiking trails which may help to
3 mitigate erosion; and

4 (6) include a plan of action to implement the public awareness
5 program.

6 (c) The Guam Fire Department, Department of Agriculture, Guam
7 Weather Forecast Office, and Guam Coastal Management Program shall
8 provide any assistance and support as requested or necessary to the
9 Department of Parks and Recreations in the creation and implementation of
10 the safety awareness program and outreach plan as required by this section.”

11 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.