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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.4 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO NAMING THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME LAB LOCATED AT THE GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS IN MANGILAO THE “DIRECTOR GREGORIO GUEVARA PEREZ BUILDING.”

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds the
3 exemplary service of the late Director Gregorio Guevara Perez of the former
4 Department of Public Safety embodied the principles of an exceptional police
5 officer. His high moral character and compassion earned him the respect of the
6 police officers and civilian employees of the Department. Director Perez taught
7 Guam’s “men in blue” to be honest, courageous and calm in the face of danger,
8 and mindful of the welfare of others. *I Liheslatura* further finds that Director Perez
9 recognized that the police officer’s badge is a symbol of public confidence, a
10 designation of public trust held in high esteem of officers that remained true to the

1 ethics of the police service. He continually encouraged management, police
2 officers and civilian staff to advance their education through the government’s
3 Department of Administration Junior Executive Training Program to hone their
4 skills, increase their productivity and to be better civil servants.

5 Long before the invention of breathalyzers and cell phones, Director
6 Gregorio Guevara Perez established the Traffic Patrol Division with a foundation
7 for future modernization. Today, the men and women of the Guam Police
8 Department now have access to state-of-the-art Police cruisers and patrol cars
9 equipped with dashboard mounted laptops with direct connectivity to a NICI
10 database to assist them in their daily duties.

11 The late Gregorio Guevara Perez gave thirty years of government service,
12 from a police officer who rose through the ranks to the Director of the Department
13 of Public Safety appointed by Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo in 1975. His untimely
14 death on September 25, 1986 was felt not only by his family and friends, but by the
15 entire Guam community. It is fitting that *I Liheslatura* renames the Guam Police
16 Crime Lab the *Director Gregorio Guevara Perez Crime Lab*.

17 **Section 2.** A new §849.4 to Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 1 Guam Code
18 Annotated is hereby added to read:

19 **“§849.4. Director Gregorio Guevara Perez Crime Lab.** (a) The Guam
20 Police Department Crime Lab located on the Guam Community College campus in
21 Mangilao, Guam, shall hereafter be known as the *Director Gregorio Guevara*
22 *Perez Crime Lab*. Any references in Public Law referring to the Guam Police
23 Crime Lab are hereby deemed to read the *Director Gregorio Guevara Perez Crime*
24 *Lab*.

25 (b) Signage and Formal Designation of ‘Director Gregorio Guevara Perez
26 Crime Lab.’ *I Maga’Låhen Guåhan* and the Chief of Police of the Guam Police

1 Department shall cause to display appropriate signage designating the Guam Police
2 Crime Lab as the *Director Gregorio Guevara Perez Crime Lab*.

3 **Section 3. Ceremony.** Within thirty (30) days of the date of enactment
4 hereof, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan* and the Chief of Police of the Guam Police
5 Department shall, at an official ceremony, memorialize the accomplishments of the
6 former Director of the Department of Public Safety, Director Gregorio Guevara
7 Perez, designate the crime lab at the Guam Community College as the *Director*
8 *Gregorio Guevara Perez Crime Lab*. A plaque bearing the name, picture and a
9 brief history of the contributions of the late Director Gregorio Guevara Perez shall
10 be affixed within a suitable spot within the facility.