

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN* TO
CREATE A MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF THE
CHAGUI'AN MASSACRE.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 on August 8, 1945, forty-five Chamorro young men were discovered brutally
4 murdered and beheaded by retreating enemy forces as the Liberation of Guam in
5 World War II was coming to an end. Most of the victims have never been
6 identified.

7 Known by survivors as the Chagui'an Massacre, Marianas Variety Reporter
8 Mar-Vic Cagurangan in her July 8th, 2008 story referred to the incident as the
9 "Forgotten Massacre."

1 Chagui'an, like the atrocities committed by occupying Imperial forces of the
2 Empire of Japan during World War II at Fena, Menengon and through the island
3 bare testament to the strength, fortitude, courage and patriotism of the Chamorro
4 people. Nowhere else in United States did regular citizens, including women and
5 children, face such acts of unimaginable barbarism by occupying enemy forces
6 during the second World War.

7 So that horrors of war may never again repeat itself, the sacrifices of those
8 who gave their lives at Chagui'an must never be forgotten.

9 It is the intent of I Liheslatura to create a permanent and lasting memorial to
10 the fallen sons of Guam who gave their lives at the Chagui'an Massacre.

11 **Section 2. Authorization to Acquire and designate land for the**
12 **Chigui'an Memorial.** (a) *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan* is authorized if necessary, to
13 acquire and/or designate up to Ten Thousand Square meters (10,000 sq. met.) of
14 land in Yigo encompassing the site of the August 8, 1944 Chagui'an Massacre for
15 the purpose of creating a memorial to the victims. To accomplish the provisions of
16 this Section, *I Maga'Lahen* is authorized to exchange, on an equitable basis; any
17 private land or government land lease by private persons.

18 (b) In addition to the land requirements of Item (a) of this Section, *I Maga*
19 *Lahen* is authorized if necessary, to exchange, on an equitable basis; any private
20 land or government land lease by private persons for the purpose of providing
21 access by motor vehicles to the site of the memorial.

22 **Section 3. Creation of the Memorial.** *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan* is authorized
23 to erect a monument on the site designated by Section 2 of this Act. *I*
24 *Maga'Lahen* shall determine the methods and processes necessary to select the
25 design and inscriptions for the monument that may include, but not be limited to, a
26 contest among school children.

1 **Section 4. Appropriation.** The sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars
2 (\$25,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Parks and
3 Recreation of the purposes of this Act. The appropriation in this section is exempt
4 from transfer authority.