I MINA TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (First) Regular Session

Bill No. 30-184 (cor)

Introduced by:

v.c. pangelinan

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION (i) TITLE 21, CHAPTER 75, §75108 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 21006.1 TITLE 3, CHAPTER 21 RELATIVE TO THE DECOLONIZATION REGISTRY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 2 that Public Law 23-147 established Guam policy with respect to the future
- 3 political status of Guam, and Public Law 25-106 provided the mechanism to
- 4 prepare for determination of that status with the establishment of the Guam
- 5 Decolonization Registry, the index of names established by the Guam Election
- 6 Commission for the purposes of registering and recording the names of the
- 7 Native Inhabitants of Guam.
- 8 The process of registration of the eligible native inhabitants and their
- 9 descendants continue today. Due to Guam's current status as one of only 16

- 1 non-self governing entities worldwide, as determined by the United Nations,
- 2 the Legislature finds it is urgent that Guam take every opportunity to
- 3 complete the registry expediently.
- 4 I Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the requirements that qualify a
- 5 person as a Native Inhabitant for the Guam Decolonization Registry mirror
- 6 the qualifications set forth for Chamorro Land Trust recipients in 21 GCA
- 7 75101(d), which specifies: "The term *Native Chamorro* means any person who
- 8 became a U.S. citizen by virtue of the authority and enactment of the Organic
- 9 Act of Guam or descendants of such person."
- Since the decolonization registry is a registry to record eligible
- individuals for the purpose of conducting the decolonization plebiscite and
- not the final voter registry for the decolonization plebiscite itself, I Liheslatura
- finds it in the best interest of Guam to add the list of eligible Chamorro Land
- 14 Trust residential lease applicants to the Guam Decolonization Registry.
- Section 2. A new Section is hereby added to Section (i) Title 21
- 16 Chapter 75, §75108 of Guam Code Annotated to read:
- 17 The lessee shall apply to be registered with the Guam Election
- 18 Commission Decolonization Registry upon completion of his application for
- 19 Chamorro Land Trust Commission lease.
- Section 3. Registration of qualified CLTC applicants. Add a new
- 21 21006.1 to Chapter 21 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, to read:
- 22 **21006.1. Registration of qualified CLTC applicants.** Upon enactment
- of this Act, the Guam Election Commission shall waive the application for

- 1 registration process for individuals that have received a Chamorro Land Trust
- 2 Commission lease or have been pre-approved to receive Chamorro Land
- 3 Trust Commission property lease. Those individuals shall be included on the
- 4 registration roll of the Guam Decolonization Registry and are deemed
- 5 registered.
- 6 Section 4 . Severability. If any of the provisions of this Act or the
- 7 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
- 8 invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Act which
- 9 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
- 10 end the provisions of this Act are severable.