

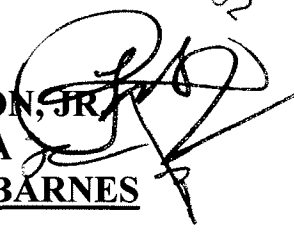
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF GUAM AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
WITHIN THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD THAT
WILL PROVIDE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF
EXTRAORDINARY GUARD MEMBERS,
MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL, AND
CIVILIANS ON GUAM WHO HAVE PROVIDED
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
LOCAL COMMUNITY IN THEIR SERVICE OR IN
SUPPORT OF THE GUAM NATIONAL GUARD,
BY ADDING A NEW §63207 TO CHAPTER 63,
ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 3, TITLE 10, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 The Liheslaturan Guahan finds that many National Guard units in various
4 state jurisdictions throughout the mainland United States have a state program
5 which recognizes military service members and civilians in their communities for
6 the excellent support that they provide their communities and their Guard units. It
7 is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guahan to provide for the creation of a locally
8 recognized program within the Guam National Guard, which can similarly provide
9 for the recognition of many of these individuals who go beyond their call to duty in

1 their support to Guam or who, as civilians, extend tremendous support to the Guam
2 National Guard. Therefore, this provision would establish this much-needed
3 program for the benefit of the community.

4 **Section 2.** A new §63207 is added to Chapter 63, Article 2, Division
5 3, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

6 **“§63207. Guam Awards and Decorations.**

7 **(a)** The following Guam awards and decorations are hereby
8 authorized for members of the Guam National Guard, active and reserve members
9 of the U. S. Armed Forces on Guam, and Citizens of Guam who bring honor to the
10 island of Guam, through their military service to the local community or through
11 their direct support of the Guam National Guard or any other military branch on
12 island:

- 13 1. Order of Guam.
- 14 2. Medal of Merit.
- 15 3. Commendation Medal.

16 The Adjutant General may provide and procure appropriate emblematic
17 devices for each decoration, together with suitable ribbons and insignia to be worn
18 with or in place of the medal.

19 **(b) Order of Guam Award.**

20 The Order of Guam may be presented to an officer or enlisted
21 member of the National Guard or U. S. Militia who has distinguished himself or
22 herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding
23 service to the island or the United States. The performance of duty shall have been
24 such as to merit recognition of service rendered in a clearly exceptional manner
25 within the scope of a special requirement or of an extremely difficult duty
26 performed in a clearly outstanding manner. Performance of duties normal to the

1 grade and branch, specialty or assignment, and experience of an individual is not
2 an adequate basis for this decoration, except that justification of the award may
3 accrue by virtue of outstanding meritorious service in a succession of important
4 positions.

5 The accomplishment of the duty or period of service for which the
6 Decoration is recommended should have been completed prior to submitting a
7 recommendation. However, if the person being recommended is transferred or will
8 retire prior to completion, the action or accomplishment shall have reached a point
9 of progression that will clearly establish the individual's contribution to be
10 outstanding or represent significant accomplishment. The Order of Guam may
11 also be awarded to civilians and members of other military services who
12 distinguish themselves as indicated in this section.

13 **(c) Medal of Merit Award.**

14 A Medal of Merit may be presented to each person who, while an
15 officer, warrant officer, or enlisted member of the National Guard or U. S. Militia,
16 distinguishes himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the island
17 or the United States or to any person who, by unselfish and untiring activities in
18 connection with the National Guard or U. S. Militia, has rendered a distinct service
19 in furthering the interests of and in promoting the security and welfare of the island
20 of Guam.

21 The Medal of Merit may also be awarded to civilians and members of
22 other military services who distinguish themselves as indicated in this section.

23 **(d) Commendation Medal Award.**

24 A Commendation Medal may be presented to each person who,
25 while an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted member of the National Guard,
26 Military Reserve, or U. S. Militia distinguishes himself or herself while serving in
27 any capacity with the National Guard, Military Reserve, or U. S. Militia by

1 meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The meritorious achievement or
2 meritorious service is less exceptional than that required for the Medal of Merit but
3 shall be accomplished with distinction.

4 The Commendation Medal may also be awarded to civilians and members
5 of other military services who distinguish themselves as indicated in this section.

6 **(e) State Service Ribbon.**

7 A State Service Ribbon may be presented by the Adjutant General
8 to each person who honorably serves on local active duty with the Government of
9 Guam during a period of emergency declared by the Governor.

10 **(f) Unauthorized Use or Misuse of Guam Awards or Decorations.**

11 Any person who, orally, in writing, or by wearing any Guam
12 Awards or Decorations falsely represents himself or herself to have been awarded
13 such awards or medals, with the intent to defraud, is guilty of a misdemeanor.”