I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN (2010) Second Regular Session

Resolution No. 3/2 - 30(25)

Introduced by:

v. c. pangelinan Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D

Relative to requesting *I Maga'Låhen Guåhan* to request the Secretary of Interior to reprogram Fiscal Year 2010 and prioritize Fiscal Year 2011 Compact Impact Funds for the lease of a temporary school facility for the students of John F. Kennedy High School.

Be it resolved by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*:

- Whereas, the United States Congress committed and promised
- 2 to appropriate sums to offset costs incurred by the Territories inclusive of
- 3 Guam due to increased demand placed on educational and social services by
- 4 immigrants from the Freely Associated States; and
- 5 Whereas, the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
- of 2003, authorizes the appropriation of Thirty Million dollars (\$30,000,000)
- 7 for each fiscal year from 2004 to 2023 to reimburse the affected jurisdictions
- 8 to aid with services due to the residence from the Freely Associated States;
- 9 and

- 1 Whereas, the basis for the reimbursement is the increased
- 2 demand on educational, social, or public sector services or infrastructure
- 3 related to such services due to the residence of qualified non-immigrants
- 4 from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of
- 5 Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau; and
- Whereas, the Guam Department of Education operates schools
- 7 with student populations that exceed legislatively mandated capacity
- 8 limitations; and
- Whereas, John F. Kennedy High School was condemned and
- 10 closed in June 2008 forcing over 5000 students to utilize George
- 11 Washington High School; and
- Whereas, in June 2009, Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 13 Maga'lahen Guåhan entered into a long term lease agreement to temporarily
- 14 house John F. Kennedy High School students subject to the availability of
- funds during the construction of a new permanent facility located on the old
- 16 Tumon campus as mandated by I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan
- 17 Guåhan; and
- Whereas, the procurement of construction for the new John F.
- 19 Kennedy High School is delayed by multiple bid award protests; and

Whereas, the existing lease for the temporary John F. Kennedy 1 2 High School is desired by the Guam Department of Education for school years 2010 and 2011; and 3 Whereas, the Guam Department of Education desires capital 4 improvements to the temporary John F. Kennedy High School for school 5 years 2010 and 2011 which will increase the cost of said lease; and 6 7 Whereas, the Executive Budget request for Fiscal Year 2011 8 did not include any tax credits, rebates or offsets used for the purposes of 9 funding the temporary John F. Kennedy High School for school years 2010 and 2011 as mandated by Section 6 of Public Law 30-37; and 10 Whereas, the Executive Budget request for the Department of 11 Education for Fiscal Year 2011 is same as the DOE's appropriation levels in 12 the Fiscal Year 2010 budget; and 13 Whereas, the Executive Budget request for the Department of 14 15 Education for Fiscal Year 2011 is silent about the funding of the temporary John F. Kennedy High School; and 16 Whereas, in the Fiscal Year 2011 Executive Budget request, 17 either the temporary John F. Kennedy High School is not funded or the 18

operations budget for the Department of Education is reduced from Fiscal

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Year 2010 levels; and

Whereas, in the interest of harmony for the people of Guåhan 1 2 it is prudent for I Maga'lahi and I Liheslatura to prioritize the Fiscal Year 3 2010 and 2011 allocation of Compact Impact Funds first to our obligation to fund the Lease Back commitment for the construction of school facilities for 4 5 the Department of Education; and Whereas, in the interest of avoiding double sessions for John F. 6 Kennedy and George Washington students, the next highest priority 7 8 allocation of Compact Impact Funds should be the lease for the temporary John F. Kennedy High School inclusive of any additional leasehold 9 improvements; and now therefore be it 10 RESOLVED, that I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does 11 hereby request that the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan 12 submit for consideration an amended Fiscal Year 2010 allocation of 13 Compact Aid Funds to include the lease cost of the temporary John F. 14 Kennedy High School to the Secretary of Interior; and be further 15 RESOLVED, that I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does 16 hereby request that the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan 17 include the lease cost of the temporary John F. Kennedy High School in his 18 annual request for Fiscal Year 2011 allocation of Compact Aid Funds to the 19

Secretary of Interior; and be further

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1 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative

2 Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be

3 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Anthony Babauta, Deputy Assistant Secretary

4 of the United States Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs; the

5 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Congressional Delegate, U.S.

6 House of Representatives; and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I

7 Maga'lahen Guåhan.

8 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF

9 **MARCH, 2010.**

Judith T. Won Pat Speaker Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Senator and Legislative Secretary