### BILL NO. 12-35 (LS)

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**TITLE**

AN ACT TO AMEND §1510 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM GENDER REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF GUAM IN ENGLISH AND CHAMORRO APPLICABLE TO ANY STATUTE, LAW, REGULATION, RULE, PUBLIC DOCUMENT, CONTRACT, AGREEMENT, OR OFFICIAL RECORDING OF PUBLIC ACTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

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1/7/19

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**COMMITTEE REFERRED**

Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing

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May 7, 2019

Honorable Tina Rose Muña-Barnes
Speaker
I Mina’trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 12-35(LS) – An Act to Amend Section 1510 of Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to the Consistent and Uniform Gender Reference to the Governor of Guam and Lieutenant Governor of Guam in English and CHamoru Applicable to Any Law, Rule, Regulation, Public Document, Contract, Agreement, or Official Recording of Public Acts or Transactions of the Government of Guam

Dear Madam Speaker:

Language is a powerful tool. It not only reflects the way we think, but also our thinking.

With this law, we tell every young girl that Guam’s highest positions in government are not reserved only for their brothers; but that they, too, can serve Guam as its Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

As our island’s first Maga’Håga, I am humbled to sign Bill No. 12-35 into law as Public Law 35-14.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga’hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill 12-35 nka P.L. 35-14

cc: Lt. Governor of Guam (via email)
    Compiler of Laws (via email)
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 12-35 (LS), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 1510 OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM GENDER REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF GUAM IN ENGLISH AND CHAMORU APPLICABLE TO ANY LAW, RULE, REGULATION, PUBLIC DOCUMENT, CONTRACT, AGREEMENT, OR OFFICIAL RECORING OF PUBLIC ACTS OR TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM," was on the 25th day of April 2019, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga'hågan Guåhan this 2019 day of April, 2019, at o’clock p.m.

Assistant Staff Officer
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APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 5/7/2019

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I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As substituted by the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing;
and further substituted on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. § 1510 of Article 5, Chapter 1, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended to read:

"§ 1510. Uniform Use of "Governor" and "Lieutenant Governor."

(a) Name of Governor. The Governor of Guam, created by the Organic Act of Guam, shall be known and designated as, ‘I Maga’låhen Guåhan.’ It is further designated that when referring to the Governor, the name in the CHamoru language, ‘I Maga’låhi’ shall be used.

(b) Name of Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor of Guam, created by the Organic Act of Guam, shall be designated as, ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhen Guåhan.’ It is further designated that when referring to the Lieutenant Governor, the name in the CHamoru language, ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhi’ shall be used.

(c) Applicability. All references in this Code and the laws, rules, regulations, public documents, contracts, agreements or official recordings of public acts or transactions of Guam to ‘Governor of Guam’ shall be understood to refer to ‘I Maga’låhen Guåhan.’ All references in this Code and the laws, rules, regulations, public documents, contracts, agreements or official recordings of public acts or transactions of Guam to ‘Lieutenant Governor of Guam’ shall be understood to refer to ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhen Guåhan.’ All references in this Code and the laws, rules, regulations, public documents, contracts, agreements or official recordings of public acts or transactions of Guam to ‘Governor of Guam’ shall be understood to refer to ‘I Maga’låhi.’ All references in this Code and the laws, rules, regulations, public documents, contracts, agreements or official recordings of public acts or transactions of Guam to ‘Lieutenant Governor of Guam’ shall be understood to refer to ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhen Guåhan.’ All
Guam to ‘Lieutenant Governor’ shall be understood to refer to ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhi.’

(d) Gender. When ‘I Maga’låhen Guåhan’ is a female, the proper term to be used shall be ‘I Maga’hågan Guåhan.’ Similarly, in such circumstance, references to ‘I Maga’låhi’ shall be changed to ‘I Maga’håga.’ When ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhen Guåhan’ is a female the proper term to be used shall be ‘I Sigundo Maga’hågan Guåhan.’ Similarly, in such circumstance, references to ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhi’ shall be changed to ‘I Sigundo Maga’håga.’

(e) Acting Capacity. In circumstances in which ‘I Maga’låhi’ or ‘I Sigundo Maga’låhi’ is in an acting capacity, such nomenclature shall be preceded by ‘Akto.’

(f) Material Difference. This Section shall control whenever there is found to exist a material difference.”

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.