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November 27, 2019

HONORABLE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina 'rentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Re: Bill No. 127-35 (COR) – An Act to Add a New § 1038 to Chapter 10, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Officially Establishing an Annual Peace Officers Memorial Day on Guam

Dear Madame Speaker:

Every day, Peace Officers don their uniforms, leave their families, and take the risk of having to sacrifice their lives to keep our community safe. This risk is not taken lightly and as a community we salute and pay tribute to these men and women. Earlier this year, President Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation establishing May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 12 to May 19, 2019 as Police Week. In conjunction with that commemoration, my Administration issued Executive Directive No. 2019-01, which ordered all flags lowered to half-staff on May 15, 2019 in honor of our fallen Peace Officers.

Bill 127-35, which I have signed in law as Public Law No. 35-54, recognizes those who gallantly gave their lives while serving the people of Guam in the line of duty. I join the Legislature

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in honoring them and their sacrifice and as a community we vow to never forget the price of freedom which they have secured in that sacrifice for us.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hang Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 127-35 (COR) nka Public Law 35-54

cc via email: Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan
Compiler of Laws
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 127-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1038 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY ON GUAM," was on the 18th day of November 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 18th day of Nov.,
2019, at 5:56 o'clock P.M.

Jessica Cruz
Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 11/27/2019
Public Law No. 35-54
AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1038 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY ON GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Title. This Act shall be known as the Ha'ånen Mimuriåt Ufisiåt Pås Siha Act.

Section 2. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Lihesluran Guåhan finds that on October 1, 1962, U.S. President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, which authorized presidents thereafter to proclaim May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day in commemoration of peace officers who lost their lives or
became disabled in the line of duty. *I Liheslatura* finds that *Peace Officers Memorial Day* has also been recognized on Guam each year pursuant to a legislative resolution or executive proclamation.

*I Liheslatura* further finds that the following individuals have served as peace officers and have given their lives: Conservation Officer, Francisco M. Isezaki; Patrolman, Francisco D. Taitague; Patrolman, Juan M. Santos; Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent, Larry D. Wallace; Police Officer I, Francisco A. Reyes; Police Officer III, Tomas M. Sablan; Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve Officer, Helen K. Lizama; Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve Officer, Rudy C. Iglesias; Police Officer I, Raymond S. Sanchez; Police Officer I, Manuel A. Aquino; Police Lieutenant, Francisco C. Toves; Corrections Officer II, Douglas W. Mashburn; Police Officer I, Eddie A. Santos; United States Air Force Airman, Laurie Lucas; United States Air Force Sergeant, Stacey E. Levay; Police Sergeant I, Frankie E. Smith; Police Sergeant I, Seigfred D. Motera; Firefighter II, James M. Pereira; and Firefighter II, Vincent J. Cruz.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Lihesluran Guåhan* to proudly honor and salute our fallen peace officers who have selflessly served our island with their relentless valor and devotion, and ultimately gave their lives, and to give this important day of commemoration and our fallen peace officers the dignity and consideration they deserve by permanently codifying into law *Peace Officers Memorial Day*.

**Section 3. Establishment of Peace Officers Memorial Day.** A new § 1038 is hereby added to Chapter 10, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

“§ 1038. Peace Officers Memorial Day.

May 15 of each year is officially declared as *Peace Officers Memorial Day*, in commemoration of peace officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. The Governor shall issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of Guam to observe *Peace Officers Memorial Day*. The Governor shall
appoint a Peace Officers Memorial Day Committee to plan and make appropriate arrangements for the observance of this day. The Committee may consist of representatives of the various departments or entities from which the recognized peace officers have served, the family members of such officers, and other interested individuals."

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.