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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Intent**

3 The Legislature finds that the Valley of the Latte was created as a place to
4 celebrate our culture and share the beauty of our island with visitors of all ages. The
5 success of Ha'anen Minagof and previous river festivals are evidence that the vision
6 is real. The Legislature also finds that there is a need both locally and regionally to
7 develop a venue where residents and visitors can experience the Chamorro culture
8 and learn of the cultures of all the islands of Micronesia and immerse themselves in
9 the values and customs of the people of the blue continent. The Talo'fo'fo' River
10 Valley, bordered by the villages of *Inalåhan* and *Talo'fo'fo'*, where our ancestors

1 traded with our brothers and sisters from Micronesia hundreds of years ago, is the
2 most logical setting to share this experience.

3 The Valley of the Latte is creating a cultural center that will provide a place
4 where the Chamorro culture can be celebrated, and the cultures of our region
5 appreciated.

6 The attraction will be the focal point where the cultural organizations of Guam
7 and the communities of the Feely Associated States can come together to share their
8 languages, arts and crafts with residents and visitors. It will continue to be a place
9 where cultural practices can be taught through workshops offered to the public,
10 where performances can be held, and a place where arts and crafts as well as the
11 skills of those crafts can be displayed and shared with those that visit.

12 The Legislature finds that the Valley of the Latte is a place where the children
13 of the island can go to learn about their heritage and the values of our community,
14 but most importantly, it will be a place where such things can be done so that they
15 are not forgotten, and the languages and values, the roots of our community will be
16 nurtured.

17 The Legislature further finds that the success of the Valley of the Latte has
18 grown organically and matured to the point that it is ready to grow in ways that can
19 secure its proper role in the experience of visitors to Guam as well as those that live
20 here. With help, it can increase its offering and improve even more the experience
21 it delivers to all who visit. At the same time, it can help provide for the needs of
22 cultural groups by providing a location for them to congregate, attract more in the
23 community to engage with them while at the same time providing the financial
24 support needed for them to become a permanent part of Guam's visitor industry. It
25 can provide a place where generations to come can learn and appreciate what makes
26 Guam and the islands of this region so special and unique.

1 It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to provide seed capital to build on
2 the vision of the Valley of the Latte and to provide a tangible demonstration of
3 Guam’s commitment to the preservation of the cultures of Micronesia.

4 **Section 2. Appropriation to The Valley of the Latte, LLC**

5 The sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) from the revenues
6 received pursuant to 11 GCA Chapter 42, Earned Income Tax Credit available for
7 Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby appropriated to the Valley of the Latte, LLC for the
8 purpose of creating a cultural center that will provide a place where the Chamorro
9 culture can be celebrated, and the cultures of our region appreciated. The
10 appropriation in this Section shall not lapse and shall continue until fully expended.
11 Said appropriation shall not preclude The Valley of the Latte, LLC from receiving
12 other aid or grants to pursue the aims of this Act.

13 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective immediately upon
14 enactment.