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BILL STATUS

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Bill No. 187-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that one of Guam's infinite and treasured customs is to honorably bury loved ones with the utmost dignity and respect.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that over three thousand (3,000) remains have been disturbed from their original resting places and were disinterred due to military, local and private development.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in order to fulfill the commitment and honor we hold dear for our loved ones, the people of Guam must construct a dignified burial ground to re-inter the remains of our ancestors and provide the Department of Parks and Recreation State Historic Preservation Office with personnel support to accomplish this.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the federal government authorized
2 reimbursements for Guam in the Earned Income Tax Credit program in 2021.

3 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Three
4 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) from the 2021 Earned Income
5 Tax Credit program reimbursement to the Department of Parks and Recreation State
6 Historic Preservation Office for the purpose of constructing the *Naftan i Mañaina-*
7 *ta*, a sacred burial ground for the re-interment of Guam’s ancestral remains.

8 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Department of Parks and Recreation**
9 **State Historic Preservation Office.** The sum of Three Million Five Hundred
10 Thousand Dollars (**\$3,500,000**) from the revenues received from the Earned Income
11 Tax Credit reimbursement for calendar year 2021, pursuant to Chapter 42 of Title
12 11, Guam Code Annotated, the Earned Income Program, is hereby appropriated to
13 the Department of Parks and Recreation State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
14 for the purpose of constructing the *Naftan i Mañaina-ta*, a sacred burial ground for
15 the re-interment of Guam’s ancestral remains, pursuant to procurement law; and to
16 allocate Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$300,000**) from the appropriation in this
17 Section to the SHPO to hire the personnel required to execute the mandate of this
18 Section and the mandates of the SHPO. This appropriation shall not lapse and shall
19 continue to be available until fully expended.

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

25 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This act shall be effective immediately upon
26 enactment.