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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Guam's tourism industry is an economic
4 driver, helping the island flourish with employment and businesses that work hard
5 to exude the *Håfa Adai* spirit for our tourists and islanders alike.

6 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Guam has welcomed over one
7 million tourists in years previous to the COVID-19 pandemic, and recently due to
8 few to no tourist arrivals, the industry has suffered greatly, affecting many of our
9 island's businesses and hard-working employees.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that while tourism is working towards
11 recovery, this is an opportune time for our industry leaders at the Guam Visitors
12 Bureau, to roll up their sleeves and work in reinvigorating the face of our island and
13 tourism venues in preparation of the return of our beloved tourists and for our local
14 population to enjoy.

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* appropriate Ten Million
4 Dollars (\$10,000,000) from the 2021 Earned Income Tax Credit program
5 reimbursement to the Guam Visitors Bureau for the purpose of funding operations
6 infrastructure improvements and destination development.

7 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Guam Visitors Bureau.** The sum of Ten
8 Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) from the revenues received pursuant to Chapter 42 of
9 Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, the Earned Income Program, reimbursement for
10 calendar year 2021, is hereby appropriated to the Guam Visitors Bureau for the
11 purpose of funding operations infrastructure improvements and destination
12 development. This appropriation shall not lapse and shall continue to be available
13 until fully expended.

14 **Section 3. Allocation of Appropriations.** The appropriation identified in
15 Section 2 of this Act, shall be allocated for the following:

16	Guam Visitors Bureau Library and Museum	\$150,000.00
17	Guam Visitors Bureau Renovations and Upgrades	\$300,000.00
18	Guam Visitors Bureau Communications and Information	
19	Technology Upgrades, Security Cameras and Alarm System	\$200,000.00
20	Engineering Design/Drawing, Building Permits,	
21	Contingency Fees	\$1,000,000.00
22	Rain Shelter adjacent to JFKHS Campus	\$100,000.00
23	Community Program Enhancements: Brand Building/Village	
24	Improvement Initiatives	\$500,000.00
25	<i>Mata'pang</i> Culvert Cleaning	\$2,000,000.00
26	<i>Mata'pang</i> Infiltration Field Repair and Restoration	\$2,400,000.00
27	Beach Park Bathroom & Shower Renovations & Upgrades	\$500,000.00

1	Lighting Improvements & Upgrades	\$600,000.00
2	Crosswalks & Pedestrian Crossing Lighting	\$1,500,000.00
3	Adequate Directional & International Pedestrian &	
4	Vehicle Signage	\$300,000.00
5	Sidewalk Improvements	<u>\$450,000.00</u>
6	TOTAL:	\$10,000,000.00

7 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
8 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall
9 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
11 severable.

12 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This act shall be effective immediately upon
13 enactment.