

# I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

## 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

### VOTING RECORD

| Bill No. 140-36 (LS)<br>As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations,<br>Appropriations, and Housing. | Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall<br>Guam Congress Building<br>July 8, 2021 |     |                          |                         |        |         |
|---|--|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| NAME  | Aye  | Nay | Not Voting/<br>Abstained | Out During<br>Roll Call | Absent | Excused |
| Senator V. Anthony Ada  |  |     |                          |                         | √      | √       |
| Senator Frank Blas Jr.  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Joanne Brown  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Christopher M. Dueñas   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator James C. Moylan   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Telen Cruz Nelson   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Clynton E. Ridgell  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Amanda L. Shelton   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Telo T. Taitague  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje  | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |
| Senator Mary Camacho Torres   | √  |     |                          |                         |        |         |

**TOTAL**

**14**

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Aye

Nay

Not Voting/  
Abstained

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

RENNAE V. C. MENO  
Clerk of the Legislature

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 1 OF  
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING  
THE *GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD* TO  
RECOGNIZE ALL SUPPORT EFFORTS MADE BY  
INDIVIDUALS DURING DISASTERS OR DECLARED  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that in times of emergency or disaster, our community, most especially Guam’s first  
4 responders and volunteers have, time and time again, unselfishly and without

1 thought of personal safety, provided aid and support to those in need of help or  
2 guidance. Our police officers, firefighters, emergency management and support  
3 personnel, doctors, nurses, active-duty military members and guardsmen, linemen,  
4 and non-profit volunteers have been exposed to the risks of trauma and injury beyond  
5 what they would routinely face to ensure the health and safety of those in our  
6 community and elsewhere. Beginning in March of 2020, our island was besieged by  
7 the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), which affected every aspect of life,  
8 not just on Guam, but throughout the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused  
9 fear, panic, pain, and loss of life, and we pray that it will end soon. In the meantime,  
10 our first responders and volunteers will continue to do what they can to protect the  
11 health of all in our community.

12 These efforts should not go unnoticed, and we should never forget the work  
13 and sacrifices of every person who has responded to our island’s needs and calls for  
14 help. In recognition of this, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to establish an award  
15 program to acknowledge and express appreciation for individuals who are  
16 instrumental in helping our community and beyond with responding to and  
17 recovering from a natural or man-made disaster or public health emergency. This  
18 recognition will become a permanent testament to the sacrifices and dedication of  
19 each individual in the performance of their work in a qualified event.

20 **Section 2.** This Act shall be known as the “*Guam Humanitarian Service*  
21 *Award Program.*”

22 **Section 3.** A new Chapter 9 is hereby *added* to Title 1 of Guam Code  
23 Annotated, to read as follows:

24 **“CHAPTER 9**

25 **GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD**

26 § 901. Short Title.

27 § 902. Creation.

1 § 903. Award Frequency and Limitations.

2 § 904. Eligibility Criteria.

3 § 905. Selection Procedures.

4 § 906. Type of Award.

5 § 907. Record of Recognition.

6 **§ 901. Short Title.**

7 This Act shall be known and cited as the “*Guam Humanitarian Service Award*  
8 *Program.*”

9 **§ 902. Creation.**

10 There is created within the Office of the Governor of Guam, the *Guam*  
11 *Humanitarian Service Award* (Award), to be given to individuals who actively  
12 participated in the accomplishment of missions or task(s) to protect life or property  
13 during or in the aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster, public health  
14 emergency, or civil unrest.

15 **§ 903. Award Frequency and Limitations.**

16 The Governor may accept nominations for the Award commencing sixty (60)  
17 days after the declaration of a natural or man-made disaster, public health  
18 emergency, or civil unrest. Nominations for the Award may be submitted by any  
19 person; provided that, no person may nominate themselves.

20 **§ 904. Eligibility Criteria.**

21 A nominee is eligible for the Award if they have personified the spirit of  
22 humanitarian commitment and compassion, and impartially provided services to  
23 assist those in need or distress during or in the aftermath or a natural or man-made  
24 disaster, public health emergency, or civil unrest; and

25 (a) the individual directly participated, for at least five (5) days, in a  
26 humanitarian act for an individual or group of individuals; or

1 (b) the individual suffered from an injury, related illness, or death  
2 while performing their duty.

3 **§ 905. Selection Procedures.**

4 (a) The Governor shall appoint his or her staff members to serve on a  
5 committee to review nomination packets to ensure eligibility criteria and disaster or  
6 emergency event guidelines have been met.

7 (b) A review panel of no less than three (3) individuals appointed by the  
8 Governor shall convene, within thirty (30) working days upon receipt of the  
9 nomination packets, to verify the authenticity and merit of the disaster or emergency  
10 event and validate nominations.

11 (c) Upon verification and validation of a disaster or emergency event and  
12 nomination, the Governor may approve the nomination and convey the Award to the  
13 recipient in the order and fashion the Governor deems appropriate.

14 **§ 906. Type of Award.**

15 (a) Certificate. A Certificate of Award shall indicate the following  
16 information, including, but not limited to: the name of the Award recipient, the  
17 disaster or emergency event he or she participated in, the date of their participation,  
18 and the date the Award was issued.

19 (b) Military (Active, Reserve, National Guard). The Governor may cause  
20 to design a ribbon that a military member can wear on their uniform while on Guam.  
21 This ribbon, along with the certificate, shall be presented to the recipient by the  
22 Governor or his or her designee.

23 (c) Government of Guam Uniformed Personnel. The Governor may cause  
24 to design a ribbon that a uniformed officer shall wear on their Class A and Class B  
25 uniforms. This ribbon, along with certificate, shall be presented to the recipient by  
26 the Governor or his or her designee.

1 (d) Non-uniformed Government of Guam Personnel and Non-Government  
2 of Guam Civilians. The Governor may cause to design a lapel pin that the recipient  
3 can wear at any time. This lapel pin, along with the certificate, shall be presented to  
4 the recipient by the Governor or his or her designee.

5 **§ 907. Record of Recognition.**

6 Thirty (30) working days after the end of each calendar year, the Governor  
7 shall submit a list of all the individuals who received the Award in said calendar year  
8 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to be appended to the Legislative Journal.”

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

14 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.