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LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

March 11, 2022


HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guđhan
36th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: BILL NO. 172-36 (LS) – AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000) FROM 2021 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT AND/OR THE 2021 GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED REVENUES TO THE GUAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE REVITALIZATION AND RENOVATION OF THE HISTORIC FRANCISCO Q. SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE HUMĀTAK MAYOR'S OFFICE

Hafa Adai Madame Speaker,

The village of HumĀtak is the cradle of CHamoru culture. It is home to both ancient and modern cultural landmarks that are as important as they are beautiful. Bill No. 172-36, now known as *Public Law No. 36-82* seeks to revitalize one such historic landmark, the F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School, originally constructed nearly seventy (70) years ago, in 1953. F.Q. Sanchez was a mid-century architectural marvel, designed by renowned Viennese architect Richard Neutra. After a period of disrepair, this historic structure will be given a fitting new life as a modern center for the village community. Among other things, it will house the Mayor's office, a youth center, a senior citizens center, and a healthcare facility, which we can all agree is of vital importance in our current times. Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio and I stand with the people of HumĀtak today and always, and look forward to witnessing your community thrive in this new community center, for the next seventy (70) years, and beyond.

Senseremente,


LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hāgan Guāhan
Governor of Guam

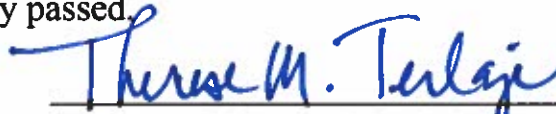
Enclosure: Bill No. 172-36 (LS) *nka P.L. No. 36-82*

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guāhan*
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I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 172-36 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,500,000) FROM 2021 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT AND/OR THE 2021 GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED REVENUES TO THE GUAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE REVITALIZATION AND RENOVATION OF THE HISTORIC FRANCISCO Q. SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE *HUMATAK* MAYOR'S OFFICE," was on the 25th day of February 2022, duly and regularly passed.




Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Attested:




Amanda E. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 28th day of February,
2022, at 4: o'clock 1 .M.



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APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 3/11/2022

Public Law No. 36-82

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 172-36 (LS)

As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations,
Appropriations, and Housing.

Introduced by:

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that in 1953, the people of Guam opened the doors of a new school building for the
4 children of the southern, quaint village of *Humåtak*; and it was designed by world-

1 renowned architect, Richard Neutra of Vienna, Austria-Hungary, who was later
2 naturalized as a U.S. citizen and who, along with his partner Robert E. Alexander,
3 designed the school as a simple two (2)-winged building that flanked an
4 administration section.

5 First named the Magellan School, the school's name was later changed to
6 *Umatac* School and ultimately, named after its first principal, Francisco Q. Sanchez,
7 who gained great importance on Guam as an educator and political leader.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School
9 in *Humåtak* is listed on the Guam Register of Historic Places; and, in 1998, it was
10 placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Deemed to be of "exceptional
11 importance" as justification for its placement on the National Register despite the
12 fact that it was less than fifty (50) years of age, the justification was focused on the
13 building as the work of Richard Neutra, a giant of mid-century modern architecture.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that in June 2011, the Guam Education
15 School Board voted to close F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School, causing its students
16 to move to neighboring schools in *Hågat* or *Malesso'*, and the school was placed
17 under the jurisdiction of the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation.

18 In April 2013, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* passed Bill No. 5-32 (LS), which was
19 signed into law as Public Law 32-011, placing the former F.Q. Sanchez Elementary
20 School facility under the jurisdiction of the *Humåtak* Mayor's Office.

21 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the people of *Humåtak* are gravely
22 concerned with the deterioration and neglect of the facility, and the need to revitalize
23 the property as it represents part of their history having served as a common
24 gathering point for many of *Humåtak's* events.

25 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the people of Guam are slated to
26 receive reimbursements from the U.S. Treasury for the cost of earned income tax
27 credits in 2021.

1 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Three
2 Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) from the 2021 Earned Income
3 Tax Credit program reimbursement and/or the 2021 General Fund unappropriated
4 revenues to the Guam Historic Preservation Trust for the purpose of renovating and
5 revitalizing the historic former F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School in *Humåtak*
6 consistent with Public Law 32-011.

7 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Guam Historic Preservation Trust.** The
8 sum of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) from the
9 revenues received from the earned income tax credit reimbursement for calendar
10 year 2021 pursuant to Section 7530(b) of Chapter 77, Internal Revenue Code of
11 1986, and Section 9625(a) of U.S. Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act
12 and/or the 2021 General Fund unappropriated revenues is hereby appropriated to the
13 Guam Historic Preservation Trust for the purpose of renovating and revitalizing the
14 former Francisco Q. Sanchez Elementary School in *Humåtak* consistent with 5
15 GCA, Chapter 40, § 40143, to include using the school facility for a Mayor’s office,
16 a Municipal Planning Council office, a youth center or for recreational youth
17 activities, a senior citizens center, a healthcare facility, and an educational facility.
18 The appropriation in this Section shall not lapse and shall continue to be available
19 until fully expended.

20 **Section 3. 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 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.