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BILL STATUS

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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 231-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

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(\$1,500,000) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

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4 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the
5 remains of ancestral bodies have been discovered throughout the island of Guåhan
6 during the excavation of sacred lands. The significant collection of human remains,
7 and lack of an appropriate burial ground has prompted the establishment in 1992 of
8 the “*Nāftan Mañaina-ta*”, a *CHamoru* shrine dedicated for the entombment of
9 ancestral remains, which was created under the Department of Public works through
10 P.L. 21-104.

11 *I Liheslaturan further* finds that the location of the *Nāftan Mañaina-ta* was
12 statutorily mandated in 2016 to be constructed at *Ypao* Point due to its cultural
13 relevance in *CHamoru* history as the only site where the *CHamorus* triumphed in a
14 battle against the Spaniards in the Spanish-Chamorro wars. P.L. 33-204 reserved no

1 less than two (2) acres and up to five (acres) of land, including any geodetic
2 triangulation survey monuments and an appropriate buffer zone of Lot No. 5173-1-
3 R2-NEW-R6 in *Tamuning* otherwise referred to as *Ypao* Point for the purposes of
4 building the *Nåftan Mañaina-ta*.

5 *I Liheslaturan* also finds that the pursuant to its appropriation in FY2018 for
6 the design, development, and construction of the Shrine, the Guam State Historic
7 Preservation office under the Department of Parks and Recreation has released the
8 *Nåftan Mañaina-ta* Shrine proposed plan which presents a layout of the national
9 shrine including a monument wall, a ceremonial reception place, informational
10 signage, burial vaults, statues of two native leaders, Chief *Agualin* and Chief
11 *Mata'pang*, and a designated parking area.

12 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan* through the appropriation
13 contained in this Act to provide funding for construction and completion of the
14 *Nåftan Mañaina-ta* and finally create that national shrine that envisioned by the
15 Government of Guam in 1992.

16 **Section 2. Appropriation** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
17 sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$1,500,000**) is hereby
18 appropriated to the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs from the Fiscal Year 2024
19 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels indicated in Public
20 Law 37-42 for purposes of constructing the *Nåftan Mañaina-ta* Shrine.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective
22 upon enactment.