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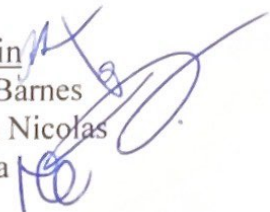
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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 285-37 (LS)

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that  
3 the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA) is an essential institution in supporting  
4 the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families. With  
5 an increasing demand for services and a growing veteran population, it is evident  
6 that the office requires adequate resources to fulfill its mission effectively.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the GOVA would ideally need to hire six (6)  
8 Veteran Service Representatives and six (6) Cemetery Workers, in order to provide  
9 timely and comprehensive assistance to the veterans of our island.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that for GOVA to maintain quality  
11 personnel their pay rate must be competitive with veteran service representatives  
12 beginning at Grade H-1, which is approximately \$32,355 annually and cemetery  
13 workers to begin at Grade G-1 which is approximately \$30,169 annually.

1           Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate One  
2 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Guam Office of Veteran Affairs, specifically  
3 designated for personnel and operational costs. This allocation will not only ensure  
4 the retention and expansion of qualified staff but also cover essential operational  
5 expenses such as office supplies and outreach efforts. Ultimately, this financial  
6 support is crucial in enhancing the office's capacity to honor and serve Guam's  
7 veterans, recognizing their invaluable contributions and sacrifices to our nation.

8           **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
9 sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year  
10 2024 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels enumerated in  
11 Public Law 37-42, as Amended, to the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs for the  
12 employment of six (6) Veteran Service Representatives and six (6) Veteran's  
13 Cemetery Workers. The balance of this appropriation may be utilized for operational  
14 expenses only after each of the positions identified in this Section have been filled.  
15 This appropriation shall be available until fully expended.

16           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
17 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
18 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
20 severable.

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