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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE ENHANCEMENT, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND OPERATIONS OF GUAM'S PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND BEACHES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION IN ADDITION TO THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARK PATROL DIVISION.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** Guam's parks, recreational
3 facilities and beaches are vital to the island's natural beauty, offering recreational
4 spaces that are central to community life and tourism. Ongoing maintenance and
5 enhancements are necessary to preserve these spaces, which in turn support Guam's

1 tourism industry by attracting visitors which assist in driving economic growth.
2 Additionally, adequate resources for park patrols are essential for ensuring public
3 safety and maintaining order in these public areas. Investing in these efforts also
4 fosters community engagement and environmental stewardship which result in
5 strengthening our local bonds and promoting a sustainable use of Guam's natural
6 resources.

7 The intent of this Act is to appropriate Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) from
8 Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund revenues for the enhancement, maintenance, and
9 repair of Guam's parks, recreational facilities and beaches, as well as for the
10 purchase of essential equipment for the Park Patrol Division. This funding will
11 improve the quality and safety of public spaces, support tourism, and foster
12 community involvement in preserving Guam's natural and cultural assets. The Act
13 aims to create lasting benefits for both residents and visitors by investing in the
14 island's recreational infrastructure and promoting a secure and inviting environment.

15 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
16 sum of Five Million Dollars (**\$5,000,000**) is hereby appropriated from the Fiscal
17 Year 2024 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels
18 enumerated in Public Law 37-42, *as amended*, to the Department of Parks and
19 Recreation for the purpose of purchasing equipment and supplies for the
20 enhancement, maintenance, repairs and operation of Guam's parks, recreational
21 facilities and beaches under its jurisdiction in addition to the purchase of essential
22 equipment for the Park Patrol Division. This appropriation shall be available until
23 fully expended. The funds allocated and authorized in this Section are not subject to
24 *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*'s transfer authority.

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