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**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
294-37 (COR) As amended on the Floor	Amanda L. Shelton Joe S. San Agustin Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Tina Rose Muña Barnes Joanne M. Brown Sabina Flores Perez Telo T. Taitague Therese M. Terlaje Christopher M. Dueñas Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Chris Barnett Frank Blas, Jr. Thomas J. Fisher	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1040 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF WOMEN VETERANS BY ESTABLISHING JUNE 12 OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY.	5/1/24 11:40 a.m.	5/6/24	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 5/6/24  Waiver: 5/16/24	6/11/24 9:00 a.m.	6/13/24 9:41 a.m.	
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July 22, 2024

**THE HON. THERESE M. TERLAJE**, *Speaker*  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37th Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
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JUL 22 2024  
Time: 6:40 pm  
Received: *[Signature]*

**Re: Bill No. 294-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1040 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF WOMEN VETERANS BY ESTABLISHING JUNE 12 OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY.**

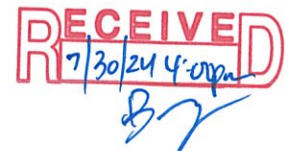
*Håfa Adai* Madam Speaker,

Bill No. 294-37 (COR) officially declares June 12 of each year as Women Veterans Recognition Day. Although women have bravely served in the defense of our country since the Revolutionary War, it was not until June 12, 1948 that they could serve as regular members of the United States Armed Forces. In the 1970s, women were allowed to attend military academies and serve in noncombat command positions. Less than ten years ago, in 2016, women were officially allowed to serve in all military occupational specialties, even though the position could involve them in combat. Many women veterans sacrificed their lives, were prisoners of war, and saved the lives of countless others.

The observance of Women Veterans Recognition Day calls upon our community to honor the service, valor, and sacrifice of Guam's daughters, mothers, and grandmothers who have devoted their lives to defending our island and country. On behalf of the people of Guam, I affirm our deep gratitude for the sacrifices made by our women veterans and recognize their crucial role in safeguarding our freedoms. For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 294-37 (COR) into law as **Public Law 37-120**.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam



Enclosure(s): Bill No. 294-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-120

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws

*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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


This is to certify that **Bill No. 294-37 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 1040 TO CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF WOMEN VETERANS BY ESTABLISHING JUNE 12 OF EACH YEAR AS *WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY*,” was on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, duly and regularly passed.

  
Therese M. Terlaje  
Speaker


Attested:

  
Amanda L. Shelton  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
2024, at 4:22 o'clock p.M.

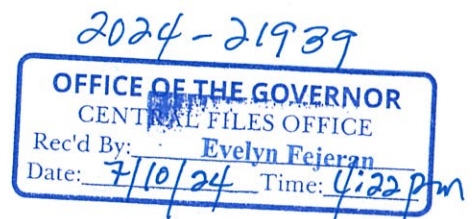
  
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APPROVED:

  
Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: JULY 22, 2024

Public Law No. 37-120



*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 294-37 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

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 throughout every period of the history of the United States, women have proudly  
4 served in the United States military to secure and preserve the freedom and liberty  
5 of the people of the United States and its allies. Women have formally been a part  
6 of the Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901 but

1 have informally served since the inception of the United States military. On June 12,  
2 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the “Women’s Armed Services Integration  
3 Act” into law, enabling women to serve as permanent, regular members of the United  
4 States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that in 2023, the population of women  
6 veterans was more than two million (2,000,000) and women veterans constitute  
7 approximately eleven percent (11%) of the total veteran population. By designating  
8 June 12 as *Women Veterans Recognition Day*, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* reflects on the  
9 growing presence of women in the Armed Forces and the National Guard and pays  
10 respect to women veterans for their patriotic military service. Through this Act, *I*  
11 *Liheslatura* calls upon our community to honor the service and sacrifice of Guam’s  
12 daughters, mothers, and grandmothers in uniform who have devoted their lives in  
13 defense of our island and country.

14 **Section 2.** A new § 1040 is *added* to Chapter 10 of Title 1, Guam Code  
15 Annotated, to read as follows:

16 **“§ 1040. Women Veterans Recognition Day.**

17 June 12 of each year is officially declared as *Women Veterans Recognition*  
18 *Day* to recognize the role of women in the U.S. Armed Forces and to commemorate  
19 their sacrifices and the valor displayed by Guam women veterans. The Governor  
20 shall issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of Guam to observe  
21 *Women Veterans Recognition Day*, and shall appoint a *Women Veterans Recognition*  
22 *Day* Committee to plan and make appropriate arrangements for the observance of  
23 this day. The Committee may consist of representatives from relevant government  
24 entities including, but not limited to, the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs and the  
25 Guam Veterans Commission, and other interested individuals and community  
26 organizations.”

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

1           **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
2 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
3 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
5 severable.