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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** According to the Centers for
3 Disease Control (CDC), a Novel Coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan City,
4 Hubei Province in China. The Novel Coronavirus has now been named "SARS-
5 CoV-2" while the disease it causes has been named "COVID-19" and has been
6 detected in 57 nations internationally.

7 In the United States, through U.S. Public Health surveillance systems since
8 January 21, 2020, there have been a total of 16 confirmed cases, 12 of which are

1 travel related while 4 have resulted from a person-to-person spread. Additionally,
2 amongst individuals who have been repatriated to the United States, there have
3 been 3 confirmed cases from Wuhan, China and 45 from the *Diamond Princess*
4 Cruise Ship. There are 10 states reporting cases, with 2 deaths within the United
5 States.

6 The CDC reports that destinations globally have apparent cases of
7 community spread, meaning people who have been infected are not sure how or
8 where they became infected. In the United States, there are confirmed cases of
9 persons without any relevant travel history, or exposure to another known patient
10 with COVID-19.

11 The CDC has also reported that the potential public health threat posed by
12 COVID-19 is high, both globally and to the United States. According to the CDC
13 more cases are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in
14 the United States. Preliminary projections by the CDC state that Public Health and
15 healthcare systems may become overloaded with elevated rates of hospitalization
16 and deaths. Other critical functions of the Government, such as emergency medical
17 service, law enforcement and transportation are also projected to be affected.

18 While there are no cases of COVID-19 on Guam, the Government of Guam,
19 in line with the response plans of the CDC, and in collaboration with Joint Region
20 Marianas as well as other Federal stakeholders, have taken measures to prepare for
21 the onset of Coronavirus on Guam by initiating a multi-agency review of the Guam
22 Pandemic Plan. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to provide *I Maga'hagan*
23 *Guahan*, the immediate resources needed so that she may provide for the
24 protection of the residents of Guam from the COVID-19 outbreak, and continue to
25 ensure that there remains no outbreak of the COVID-19 disease within our Island.

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1 (e) The Department of Administration and the Bureau of Budget and
2 Management Research shall submit a written report to the Speaker of I
3 Lihsaturan Guahan of funds expended from the Fund pursuant to this Chapter.
4 This report shall be submitted no later than five days from the date of expenditure
5 and shall include purpose of expenditure.”

6 **§ 14.102. Reimbursement.**

7 (a) Reimbursement of any fund expended under this Act from federal
8 sources, including Congressional appropriation, or any other sources,
9 shall be reimbursed to the Emergency Pandemic Fund to the extent that
10 Federal Laws permit.

11 (b) The Director of the Department of Administration shall maintain detailed
12 accounting records pertaining to expenditures and reimbursements under
13 this Act and within thirty (30) days from the receipt of any initial
14 reimbursement, as well as subsequent reimbursements, a detailed report
15 of such transactions shall be transmitted to the Speaker of I Lihsaturan
16 Guahan.

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

22 **Section 4. Effective Date.** The act *shall* become effective immediately
23 upon enactment.