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05 JAN 2004

The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan
Speaker
I Mina 'Bente Siete Na Liheslaturan Guahån
Twenty-Seventh Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Pangelinan:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 23 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (m) AND (n) TO §9106 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST ONE (1) DIRECTOR ON THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU HAVE A BACKGROUND IN CHAMORRO FOLK ARTS, LANGUAGE, CULTURAL HERITAGE OR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND TO REQUIRE REPRESENTATION OF BOTH GENDERS ON THE GVB BOARD," which I signed into law on December 17, 2003, as Public Law No. 27- 49.

By requiring that at least one director on the Guam Visitors Bureau have a background in the Chamorro Folk Arts, cultural heritage and historic preservation is key to achieving visitor attraction to our island and improving "Product Guam." I would like to commend Senator Tina Muña Barnes for recognizing this important aspect of our community and realizing its effect to attracting visitors.

Sincerely yours,

FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary


I MINA'BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO IMAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

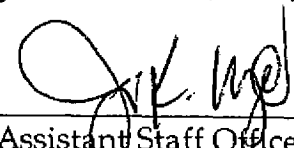
This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 23 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (m) AND (n) TO §9106 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST ONE (1) DIRECTOR ON THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU HAVE A BACKGROUND IN CHAMORRO FOLK ARTS, LANGUAGE, CULTURAL HERITAGE OR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND TO REQUIRE REPRESENTATION OF BOTH GENDERS ON THE GVB BOARD," was on the 6th day of December, 2003, duly and regularly passed.

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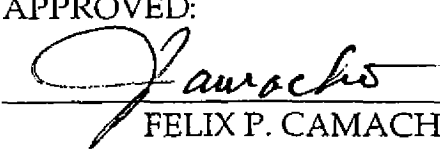

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Legislative Secretary


vicente (ben) c. pangelinan
Speaker

This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 10th day of December, 2003, at 4:50
o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'laha's Office

APPROVED:


FELIX P. CAMACHO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date:

12/17/03

Public Law No. 27-49

I MINA' BENTE SIETE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2003 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 23 (COR)

As substituted by the Committee
on Public Safety and Tourism,
and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

T. R. Muña Barnes
R. J. Respicio
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Ray Tenorio

AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (m) AND (n) TO §9106 OF TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST ONE (1) DIRECTOR ON THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU HAVE A BACKGROUND IN CHAMORRO FOLK ARTS, LANGUAGE, CULTURAL HERITAGE OR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND TO REQUIRE REPRESENTATION OF BOTH GENDERS ON THE GVB BOARD.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
3 finds that tourism is likely to remain Guam's most important industry for
4 many years, and the Guam Visitors Bureau's surveys reveal that a majority

1 of visitors have expressed an interest in Guam's folk arts, culture,
2 language, heritage and history. Members of various travel industries,
3 including hoteliers, retailers, tour company operators, airline
4 representatives and restaurateurs are frequently elected or appointed to
5 the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB). However,
6 individuals with expertise in our island's folk arts, culture, language,
7 heritage and history are not always found on the Board. There can be no
8 denying the importance of folk arts, culture, language, heritage and history
9 in attracting and entertaining visitors, and an individual with such
10 expertise should always be a member of the GVB Board.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that existing Guam law mandates
12 the membership of both genders on appointed boards and commissions,
13 among other requirements. However, the unique status of the GVB Board
14 has raised questions about whether appointing authorities are exempt
15 from the mandates.

16 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to require that the
17 appointees of *I Maga'lahi* follow existing appointing requirements as
18 contained in §2105 of Title 4, Guam Code Annotated. It is further the
19 intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that the appointees of *I Maga'lahi* include an
20 individual who possesses expertise in our island's folk arts, culture,
21 language, heritage or history.

22 Section 2. A new §9106(m) is hereby *added* to Title 12 of the Guam
23 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

24 "(m) Appointments made by *I Maga'lahi* shall conform to the
25 requirements of §2105 of Title 4 of the Guam Code Annotated."

1 **Section 3.** A new §9106(n) is hereby *added* to Title 12 of the Guam
2 **Code Annotated**, to read as follows:

3 “(n) Appointments made by *I Maga’lahi* shall include an
4 individual who possesses expertise in our island’s folk arts, culture,
5 language, heritage or history.”

6 **Section 4. Effective Date.** The provisions contained herein shall
7 become applicable upon the effective date of this Act.