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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

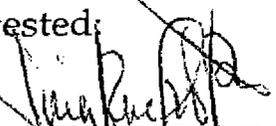
cc: The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, duly and regularly passed.

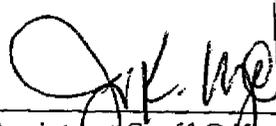
Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

vicente (ben) c. pangelinan  
Speaker

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003, at 4:50 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



FELIX P. CAMACHO  
*I Maga'lahen 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  
J. M. Quinata  
Toni Sanford  
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J. A. Lujan  
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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.