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Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
286-32 (COR), P.L. 32-145	Tommy Morrison V. Anthony Ada Chris M. Duenas FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Brant T. McCreadie	AN ACT TO AMEND §1001 OF 1GCA RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GIJAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.	3/6/14 12:24 p.m.	03/07/14	Committee on General Governmental Operations and Cultural Affairs	3/18/14 9:00a.m.	4/4/13 5:09 p.m.	Fiscal Note Request 3/10/14
	DATE PASSED	TITLE	TRANSMITTED		DUE DATE	<small>DATE SIGNED BY MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN</small>	PUBLIC LAW NO.	NOTES
	4/15/2014	AN ACT TO AMEND § 1000(a) OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.	4/16/14	1:10 p.m.	04/28/14	4/28/2014	32-145	As amended on the Floor.



EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Governor

RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

Office of the Governor of Guam

APR 30 2014

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Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Date 5-2-14
Time 2:35 pm
Received by [Signature]

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 286-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO AMEND §1000(a) OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM" which I signed into law on April 28, 2014 as Public Law 32-145.

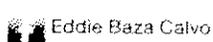
Senseramente,

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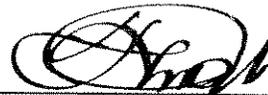


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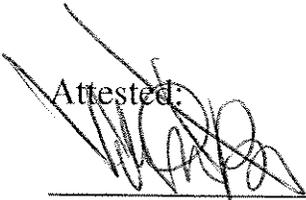
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

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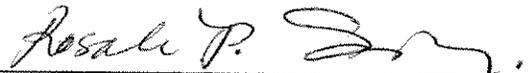
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 16 day of April,
2014, at 1:10 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: APR 28 2014

Public Law No. 32-145

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 286-32 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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11 Christmas, December 25th.”



FILE

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
THIRTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

April 16, 2014

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo
I Maga'lahren Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'lahi
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill and Substitute Bill Nos. 135-32 (COR), 183-32 (COR), 207-32 (COR), 222-32 (COR), 244-32 (COR), 266-32 (COR), 272-32 (COR), 273-32 (COR), 283-32 (COR), 286-32 (COR), 289-32 (COR), 311-32 (LS) and 315-32 (LS) which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on April 15, 2014.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (13)

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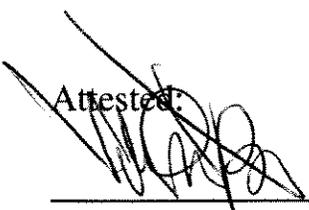
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Speaker

Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

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2014, at 1:10 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan

Date: _____

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Voting Sheet

Bill No. 286-32 (COR)

Speaker Antonio R. Unipingo Legislative Session Hall
April 15, 2014

NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent
Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA		✓			
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓	I			
Senator Christopher M. DUENAS	✓				
Senator Michael LIMTIACO		✓			
Senator Brant McCREADIE	✓				
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	✓				
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓				
Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera PANGELINAN	✓				
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	✓				
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	✓				
Senator Michael F. Q.SAN NICOLAS	✓	II			
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓				
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				

TOTAL

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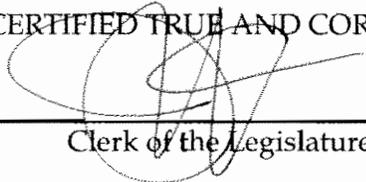
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Clerk of the Legislature

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APR 04 2014

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker
I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan
32nd Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: **Committee Report on Bill No. 286-32 (COR)**

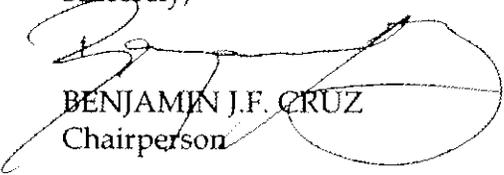
Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is the Report of the Committee on General Government Operations and Cultural Affairs on Bill No. 286-32 (COR) - T. Morrison / V.A. Ada / C.M. Duenas / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / B.T. McCreadie - An act to amend §1001 of 1GCA relative to establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday on Guam.

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>3</u>	TO DO PASS
<u>0</u>	TO NOT PASS
<u>4</u>	TO REPORT OUT ONLY
<u>0</u>	TO ABSTAIN
<u>0</u>	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

Sincerely,


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Chairperson

2014 APR - 4 PM 5:09



COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill No. 286-32 (COR)

An act to amend §1001 of 1GCA relative to establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday on Guam.



April 3, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members

**FROM: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Committee on General Government Operations and Cultural Affairs**

SUBJECT: Committee Report on Bill No. 286-32 (COR)

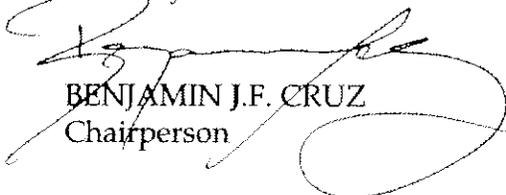
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This report includes the following:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Bill No. 286-32 (COR)
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- COR Referral of Bill No. 286-32 (COR)
- Fiscal Note Requirement
- Notices of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Related News Reports

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Chairperson



COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 286-32 (COR) - T. Morrison / V.A. Ada / C.M. Duenas / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / B.T. McCreadie - An act to amend §1001 of 1GCA relative to establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday on Guam.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	SIGNATURE	TO DO PASS	TO NOT PASS	TO REPORT OUT ONLY	TO ABSTAIN	TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE
CRUZ, BENJAMIN J.F. Chairperson				4/3/14		
MUÑA BARNES, TINA ROSE Vice-Chairperson						
WON PAT, JUDITH T. Speaker and Ex-Officio Member						
ADA, THOMAS C. Member				✓		
PANGELINAN, C. VICENTE Member				✓		
RESPICIO, RORY J. Member				4-4-14		
RODRIGUEZ, DENNIS G. JR. Member						
SAN NICOLAS, MICHAEL, F.Q. Member						
AGUON, Jr. FRANK B. Member 4/3/14		✓				
ADA, V. ANTHONY Member						
Morrison, Thomas Member		✓				
McCreadie, Brant Member		✓				
YAMASHITA, ALINE Member						



COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Bill No. 286-32 (COR), As Introduced: An act to amend §1001 of 1GCA relative to establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday on Guam.

I. OVERVIEW

Bill No. 286-32 (COR) was introduced by Senator Thomas Morrison, Senator V. Anthony Ada, Senator Christopher M. Duenas, Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., and Senator Brant T. McCreadie on March 6, 2014, and subsequently referred to the Committee on General Government Operations and Cultural Affairs on March 7, 2014.

The Committee on General Government Operations and Cultural Affairs convened a public hearing on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 9:00AM in the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslatura*. The hearing for Bill No. 289-32 (COR) began at 10:28AM and ended at 1:30PM.

Public Notice Requirements

All legal requirements for public notices were met, with requests for publication sent to all media and all Senators on March 11, 2014, and March 14, 2014, via email. Copies of the hearing notices are appended to the report.

Committee Members and Senators Present

Senator Benjamin J.F. Cruz, *Chairperson*
Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan, *Member*
Senator Thomas C. Ada, *Member*
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, *Member*
Senator Brant T. McCreadie, *Member*
Senator Thomas Morrison, *Member*
Senator Christopher M. Duenas

Appearing before the Committee

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, *President, University of Guam*
Joseph Artero-Cameron, *President, Department of Chamorro Affairs*
Maha'lahi Pagat, *Nasion Chamoru*
Saina Ofing, *Nasion Chamoru*
Jesse "Talayeru" Fejeran, *Nasion Chamoru*
Ronald Laguaña, *Chamorro Studies Teacher, Guam Department of Education*
Vicente Garrido
Jay Lawrence Cruz
Cecilia Morrison

Roland Blas
Martin A. Gray
Matthew C. Quintanilla
Fred Gofigan
Liz Untalan
Joe Quinata, *Guam Preservation Trust*
Jose R. Garrido, *Guam Preservation Trust, Task Force on Free Association*

Written Testimonies Submitted

Cecilia Morrison
Joseph Artero-Cameron, *President, Department of Chamorro Affairs*
Jon Nathan Denight, *Acting General Manager, Guam Visitors Bureau*

II. TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

Chairman Benjamin J.F. Cruz announced Bill No. 286-32 (COR).

Dr. Robert A. Underwood, President of the University of Guam, spoke in Chamorro and testified in opposition of the bill (*translated into English*):

“Thank you, Mr. Speaker and all the senators present. I want to make it clear that I am in support of the bill acknowledging the Chamorro. However I am against the day that is proposed for this holiday. Not to be critical, but why are we using the day that is called Discovery Day? If we look at this day, Elaine Catahay and I formed Chamorro Day. We looked at the month where there were no public holidays to add Chamorro week. Even Charter Day at the University of Guam – the school was chartered in December but celebration is not until March because that was the vacant month at the time. There are two points that must be considered in order to effectuate the holiday. The only thing is why we are celebrating the arrival of Magellan and no matter what we call this holiday, it is Magellan that we are celebrating. He is a man who came and killed seven of our Chamorro citizens. This has bothered me on why we are celebrating Discovery Day. I appreciated the fact that Senator Morrison and all who are pushing for this. Discovery Day celebration in 1926 was the first celebration of Discovery Day and that monument was built by the Guam Federation of Teachers and this day chosen for this holiday will always be referred to as Discovery Day. If you insist on having this holiday, let me give you some dates to consider. January 26, 1565, Legaspi came to Guam (Umatac) and claim the island for Spain. Do we want to celebrate this day because this is documented in history? On February 1, 1898, the U.S. flag was first raised on Guam. Do we celebrate this day because we can identify this day as first day of political assertion? On April 2, 1672, San Victores was killed in Tumon. On this day, Catholics can celebrate their religion, or for dominance of the Chamorros as a non-secular day of celebration. This is a very important day because it embraces two ideas, the martyrdom of San Victores and the power of the island chief. If you look at all the dates that I have

given it has meaning and substance and we should associate this day with something of significance and not a day that will always be referred to as Discovery Day. For this reason, I am against this bill.”

Magalahi Pagat, of *Nasion Chamoru*, spoke in Chamorro testified in support of the bill and started with the singing of the Guam Hymn and the Guam Pledge of Allegiance. Pagat supports the bill but recommended that an amendment to include the fishing rights of the Chamorro people. He was disappointed that the bill was not heard earlier. He made note that the room was filled with Chamorro people and again we are heard last, and said, “We have always been last on our land.”

Saina Ofing, of *Nasion Chamoru*, spoke in Chamorro and testified in support of the bill. She said that we must recognize all the individuals who made a difference in the history of the island, specifically through a resolution that recognizes Chief Hurao. She wants this resolution to be brought back. She also wanted to have the nomination paper for Maga’lahi Pagat to be signed so that he can be the *maga’lahi* for Pagat.

Jesse “Talayeru” Fejeran, of *Nasion Chamoru*, spoke in Chamorro and testified in support of the bill (*translated into English*):

“Good morning to all who are present. As I look at this bill, I do acknowledge what Dr. Underwood is pointing out. Can we not recognize these entire individuals in one month? I don’t understand why we have to have this public hearing for our right to have this day. We recognize all the people from the United States like Martin Luther King, Jr. Did we ever have a public hearing on this? I am asking you this question, Senator BJ Cruz.”

Chairman Cruz answered that the legislature held that public hearing about four years ago.

Mr. Fejeran continued:

“Why do we have to have a hearing for our Chamorro heritage? We see all that is happening around our island and in our home. We look back to our parents, and we continue to show our children what has been told of us. My family is here today to hear what is to be said about things like where did we come from. I am very happy that we are here to discuss this idea of honoring our heritage and culture. I have been a fisherman all my life and had raised my family. We have things around the island especially the latte stone that showcases this to our visitors as part of our history. Is it so hard to grant our people that one day so we can focus on our culture? I have been going to various schools to talk about our history and heritage. Each time something comes up related to our people, the one thing that comes up is cost. Yet when it is for outsiders or visitors no noise made. This bill is very important because it acknowledges respect for all of us. It is very painful that you senators should look at it very carefully. Just because it doesn’t make money shouldn’t be the reason why it should not be

given to us. Senator Morrison, I applaud you and the rest of your colleagues who are behind you in the measure. Here on Guam, our heritage is not being acknowledged. Many times I got arrested for walking through a property when all I wanted to do is fish to feed my family. Having to come and testify for a right is so double standard. When the Filipino and Chinese have a celebration, we go and acknowledge them because we are all connected through this island. I was supposed to go to three schools and talk about being Chamorro. However, I also feel that this bill is very important that I must testify. I hope and pray that you senators will pass this bill."

Joseph Artero-Cameron, *President, Department of Chamorro Affairs*, thanked Chairman Cruz and read his written testimony in support of the bill.

Ronald Laguaña, *Chamorro Studies Teacher, Guam Department of Education*, spoke in Chamorro and provided testimony in support of the bill (translated into English):

"Greeting to all of the Senators. As I walk in this morning, I felt a feeling that the issue of having a holiday is not in unison. I noticed that everything revolves around money. Please don't let this be the hurdle to not pass this bill. I heard on K57 (radio station) that the reason why there was a push for this holiday was so that GovGuam can have a day off. It bothers me that something that I hold close to my heart be questioned. Maybe the caller is from the private sector. We at Guam Department of Education Chamorro Studies are working hard to preserve the history and culture and heritage. We cannot do it alone. We need help. We need the help of the families. Let's encourage the families to get involved in the teaching of our history. I have for you a new poster that just came out for each of the 15 senators. It is entitled 'Plant the Seeds of Our History in Our Children'. Let us all hold hands and together, let's push this through as a recognition of our heritage, history and culture for all generations."

Vicente Garrido provided his testimony in support of the bill:

"I give respect to all Senators. I am in support of your bill. There should be a holiday recognizing us Chamorros. We are the ones on the island and we should be the first, not last. We are the boss and we should stand up and be strong. Just like this public hearing, we have been here since 9AM and again we were heard last. Why are the people of this island always last? I was here and listen to three other bills to be heard. I was here before the all of those. This bill is for the people of Guam and for all who spoke before me, expressing their concerns and passion for the culture. I am sick and tired of hearing about World Warr II, when we should be talking about our homeland and our people—stories for our island, our culture and history. If you are for the island, then do something that makes a statement. I feel that this bill will do just that. Chief Hurao is the man who stood up against the Spanish. What he stood for still lives on today. His speech is now in the Superior Court for all to see. This makes me proud and this bill is a start in recognizing us as Chamorro. Even the license plate states, 'Tano I Chamorro—

Land of the Chamorros’.”

Cecilia Morrison thanked the senators, introduced herself, and provided her testimony in support of the bill:

“I ponder about this bill over and over again since Senator Morrison informed me about the hearing date. There are a number of very important reasons to support it. Similarly, opposing views abound that are equally defensible; and so, the task at hand was to develop support that asserts a solid position. Yesterday, I find myself mentally going in and out of a number of themes from which to focus my testimony. And I found myself in an uncanny predicament! I was in absolute awe as I took a break to do a daily routine—turned the page of my ‘Best Loved Bible Verses’ and there, glaring out from the page, is Job 11:7. ‘Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?’ Dumbstruck, I thought: the retiring speaker before me referenced God and I, too, will follow along like thoughts of God. Since I’m created in the likeness of God, I am venturing into using these verses. How solid can you get with that as a reference? And so, I present my questions on these thoughts. ‘Can you discover your own depths? Can you discover your limits?’ Speaking for myself, I would say that almost daily, I spent some time trying to touch bases with my belief system in God. I have made untold discoveries but so much also remains unanswered. Can I frame my testimony, based on self-discoveries, or lack thereof, to support of Bill No. 286-32 (COR)? What topic is most important? Is it education, is it history, or is it our heritage? What about preservation concerns, shouldn’t equal importance be extended to these issues?

“Culture links to our philosophy, nation, ethos, values, principles and beliefs. More apropos, I liken it to be a bit defining about how most of us feel about ourselves, how we, as a people, as Guamanians or ‘Guahanians’ bond with each other. I list *Guamanians* or *Guahanians* only to point out that *Chamorro* is a former South American president’s surname. Of late, I see a different spelling, which is *Chamoru*. And the origin of the latter continues to escape me.

“As far as I am able to see, a good majority of us on Guam—if not all—are descendants of diverse ethnic origins. I know of no one here whose family lineage is not of multiple makeups. Speaking for myself, my maternal side is Chamorro-Mexican-Spanish. On occasional conversations among family gatherings, I hear on and off that there may be some Filipino bloodline from my maternal grandmother. My paternal side is of Chamorro-Chinese lineage—dominance on the latter. Adding my husband’s side, counting only his parents, his father has a dominant Scottish side and from his mother, Irish-American Indian. I consider this to be quite delightful a family tree for my children—similar to [those] of a good many Guamanians.

“And so, when we take into consideration our differences and our diverse

ethnicities, etc., what bonds us with each other? I believe that the value that we each place in practicing our traditions is important in sustaining our belief system and one that perpetuates our common bond, which is our culture.

“Oddly, without thought of our diversities, our culture and traditions that we share with one another strengthens our bonds; hence, a strong binder that holds our values as a people. And the efforts to perpetuate the *kustumbren Chamoru*, to keep alive and strong our culture and our heritage—all of us are highlighting these today. Albeit different points and emphases are presented by each one of us who are offering testimony in favor of Bill No. 286-32 (COR), all of us favor setting aside one day to honor our history and heritage.

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Jay Lawrence Cruz provided his testimony in support of the bill:

“Having set aside the first Monday of March as a holiday not [only] reflects the discovery of Guam, but also is a positive direction to promote and perpetuate our cultural heritage. We always have been taught on how the Chamorros view themselves because they came from non-Chamorros, who by their observance and foreigners contrast our stories that were told and retold by our ancestors, then by our elders. It is important that we allow these stories be kept alive, even if it takes a day to be set aside; it should be done. Many would tell you that our culture is dying and maybe it is, but what are we doing to keep it alive? Having classes and days set aside [is] the beginning step in achieving that goal. We need to look at all the stories that have been told and retold by our elders and continue the tradition learned from the stories. The greatest stories are from our elders and if we don’t promote it and allow it to be retold then it will surely be lost and all that would be left are a few fragments to cling on. We need to connect our

past to our future. The point that I am making is that we [had] a holiday to reflect and recognize our Chamorro history and heritage. Let's reinstate this holiday so we can have a landmark day to reflect and teach our [future generations] how it is to be truly Chamorro."

Roland Blas thanked Senator Morrison and provided testimony in support of the bill:

"Thank you, Senator Morrison, for standing up for our culture, history, and heritage. It is important that we stand up for our belief just as our national hymn states, 'Stand ye Guamanian for your country, sing your praises from shore to shore.' Let us stand for our history and heritage. Let us stand up for the value that our parents instilled in us and pass it down to our future generation. I hope that this body unites and pass this bill to reflect the highest honor for our island and its people and its flag to represent respect. It is not about religion, but it is about the value that my parents passed down to me. They told me to stand up and be proud when I was growing up in Los Angeles. Let us pass down this down to our children and all future generations."

Martin Grey provided testimony in support of the bill:

"What I am about to testify to all who are present is in metaphor. Show of hands, how many of us drove ourselves here today? Okay, while on your way here, I'm sure you were concerned about your surroundings and what's going on in your lanes, right? That would pretty much be how our senator's feel about doing their jobs, making sure everything is in order. 'We are going for the most practical route, and we will get to our destination.'

"Well, if someone drove you here today, then you must have had a chance to notice our beautiful island scenery, on your way here, giving you the sense of pride about our island. That would be us, the locals. For example, well if we would have stepped back and really looked at our island, we would've noticed the vines growing over all the trees and vegetation our island has to offer. It is smothering our island! That would be our deficit and budget, preventing us from moving forward with what we know is right. As far as beauty, our island and culture has that to offer.

"Well apparently, money is what's stopping us from handling the problem with the vines, smothering our island, let's not make it the reason for smothering our culture and who we are as people! We created the deficit, which deals with dollar signs. Hey, money comes and money goes. Timing and strategy can fix that. However, losing our island beauty and its culture because of money is an issue.

"Once our culture is gone, there is no turning back. Senators, timing and strategy can never play a part. Our children deserve better than that. Some of you Senators discussing today's agenda, to a constituent or another individual,

used our native tongue, Chamorro. Well, lucky you, but for myself and other Chamorros like me whose parents wanted to prepare us for the American way of life by teaching us English, instead of Chamorro, we couldn't understand your conversation. Please don't take our heritage and culture and language for granted. Let's make sure our children are able to understand who they are as well as their language, and don't let a dollar sign deprive our future as a people."

Matthew C. Quintanilla, of Inarajan, provided testimony in support of the bill:

"This bill before you elected officials not only creates a holiday to be observed, but it is a statement that symbolizes what Guam's history and heritage is. It is historic because of its many legends that surround this beautiful island. Also the countless stories that many of our *manamko'* (elderly) have shared with us hoping that it wouldn't die with us.

"Speaking for me and my experience growing up in *Inalahan* (Inarajan), there are many things that were passed down to me from my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles that I share with my own children. But there is one thing. The number one word that I hold deep in my heart is *respetu* (respect). *Respetu* is a feeling of admiring someone or something that is good, valuable or important, or a feeling or understanding that someone or something is important [and] serious and should be treated in an appropriate way. You see, many villages in the southern Guam that have come up with unique ideas to promote our culture [and] heritage. In *Humatak* (Umatac) you have the Heritage Tour which I took part [in] several weeks back and guess what, even living in *Inalahan*, I never knew that the first public library was in *Humatak* or that the first *palacio* (palace) was located behind the San Donicio Church. You see to this day I am still learning about our culture and heritage and I will continue to learn because our culture and heritage is so deeply rooted and we barely scratched the surface discovering it.

"In *Inalahan*, Dr. Judy Flores spearheaded the creation of *Gef Pago* and secured grants to rebuild some historical homes in the village and through her hard work our young generations in the village of *Inalahan* are benefiting from the old ways. I will give you one example: pizza, sweet rolls and bread. These delectable all came from G. Flores Hotnu Bakery. Not only do our young generation able to see how *pan* (bread) is baked without electric or gas ovens but also see the history of the Hotnu.

"Up in the north a group of concern Chamorro's fought with the federal government preventing a military firing range proposal on sacred grounds. When Nikko Hotel was being built, contractors came across another sacred area that was eventfully preserved. A recent article from Mr. Mark Baldyga, chairman of Guam Visitors Bureau board and a [person of] non-Chamorro descent, echoes my concern on the preservation of our history, culture and heritage.

“Many may say well we are celebrating *Mes Chamoru* (Chamorro Month) and that should cover it. I say that is not enough. Just like a birthday, anniversary, celebrated for that unique individual, a special day for our history, culture, and heritage should be given. Our history predates the Spanish era and archeologists have continued to discover artifacts in support [of that fact]. In fact, the archeologists’ findings only reconfirm many of our *manamko*’s stories.

“Many prominent men and women around this island, even Chamorros, criticize the recent Executive Order making March 3, 2014, a holiday to honor Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day. Yet, when an Executive Order giving the Friday after Thanksgiving a day off, Black Friday, no noise was made especially from the private sector. And when then Senator Judith Guitherz introduced a bill to have Martin Luther King Day a holiday again no one made a big thing regarding cost to the government. It is total hypocrisy. How many holidays are directly related to Guam’s history and culture? Correct me if I am wrong but I found only two: Guam Liberation Day on July 21 and Santa Marian Kamalen Day on December 8.

“We have other federal holidays that have no relation to our island yet we observe them. Is that fair that those individuals whom we honor have never set foot on our island? Let me answer that for you –no! Do you think the federal government treats us in an appropriate respectful way? No! We all know that for a fact because we are now suing the federal government for their share of the cost to clean up Ordot Landfill.

“Now go back to the meaning of *respetu* –respect. Let me ask you, do you think that celebrating our heritage, culture and history is important and valuable? Do you think that we as citizens of this island are being treated in an appropriate way? Do you think we deserve this day? I say, yes, we do. Let me ask you, distinguished members of our legislature: when you go on vacation to a place you [have] never been to what is the one thing you have to do? You go sightseeing to various landmarks that are unique to that place—its history, heritage and culture.

“Even in Hawaii, they are promoting their Hawaiian culture and way of living in the past. Hawaiians celebrate Kamehameha Day on June 11. This holiday was established back in 1871 to celebrate King Kamehameha I, the first unified ruler of the Hawaiian Islands. This holiday is the only one established by royal proclamation that is still officially celebrated in Hawaii. This holiday wasn’t created by current form government but by a royal proclamation that is respected and embraced. It is celebrated with parades, hula dancing, music festivals, and draping a large statue of the king with flower leis. Another holiday

is Admissions Day. This is also known as Statehood Day, though Hawaiian residents generally do not refer to it that way. It is observed every year on the third Friday in August to celebrate Hawaii becoming the 50th state of America. Another holiday is Kuhio Day, which takes place on March 26. It was established in 1949 to celebrate the birthday of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole, an important Hawaiian figure who served as the second delegate to the U.S. Congress. The holiday is celebrated by a parade on the island of Oahu, as well as luaus and canoe races. What all these holiday represents to the Hawaiian is their culture and its history. The Hawaiians are very proud of their holidays and some incorporate those holidays into today's ways. These holidays were added to the federal holidays. We generally call these types of holidays local holidays.

"Guam's private sector especially in the number one industry that can truly benefit from this day. For example, [it can] promote special packages to our visitors like offering unique tours, food tasting, cultural exhibits, having our elderly come to the hotels with demonstrations, crafts etc. And many of our *manamko* would love to be a part of this. If we think outside the box, all the brilliant minds on Guam can surely come up with something to benefit their industry. I believe that this is a huge marketing concept just waiting to reach its fullness. Why do you think visitors come to our island? It's not only the shopping—they can do that in their own country—but for the island and how it was promoted by our own people. You might say, well, you can do that without having a holiday, but do we? Sad to say, but we don't. We talk about our culture dying, but let's remind each and every one on the island along with our visitors that it is not.

"I read several articles in the [Pacific Daily News] and the Marianas Variety about the holiday and many comments are so one-sided. This holiday is not only about taking a day off but should be a reflection to our younger generation about our history, heritage and culture. Ask yourselves, when was the last time you sat down and shared your experience or stories about our history, heritage and culture of Guam. Some may have and those who had the privilege of having elders sharing their stories and passing them down to our children.

"My dear senators, you cannot always satisfy every constituent out there, you must look deep within yourselves and ask that very important question. Do you deserve a day of recognition for who you are? We could sit here and discuss the pros and cons of this measure, and its the nature of the beast but for a majority of the citizens of this beautiful island they deserve this recognition. Let this day be a stout reminder of who we are and in recognition of our ancestors who believe in their way. Can you place a price on your identity? Thank you for allowing me to express my opinions and feelings on this important piece of legislation."

Joe Quinata provided testimony in support of the bill:

"In *Humatak*, had you come down last week, you will see our young generation

give you information about Legaspi stepping on the shores of *Humatak*, you will find out from the young generation that the first outdoor public library was in *Humatak*, you will find out that the very first mass took place in *Humatak*. This is just a small piece of what preserving our heritage and our culture means to the people in *Humatak*. The young generation took pride in what they do.”

Jose R. Garrido provided testimony in support of the bill:

“I [have] great respect for you, Senator Morrison. I support your bill one hundred percent, but I would like to impart some of my contribution to our history. It has been a long desire that we recognize our homeland, Guam, our island. Let this beginning spread to the Aracas in the Marianas. [Our homeland is not limited to Guam, but rather the entire archipelago of the Marianas.] Our common dominator as Chamorros is our mother. [I learned through] my employment in the archeological field in [connection] with the [Guam Preservation Trust] (GPT) [that] there [is much] evidence [that] shows how long we [have] been on Guam. Archeologist are very hesitant to give a definite time that we Chamorros have been on the island but what they can honestly say is that we have been [inhabited] the Marianas for over 4,000 years. [There is] evidence that shows how long [the Marianas has been inhabited], since 15638 BC, and your bill starts back then. Thousands of our ancestors have been excavated for whatever reason and it is time that we bury their remains in a dignified way. Many died during the Chamorro-Spanish War and we are in dire need of a holiday to recognize and reflect on why they made the ultimate sacrifice for our homeland. The question is, which day will [signify] the important date that touches the essence of the day? The battle of Hagåtña between Chief Hurao and the Spaniards is also historic. The day in the bill may not be of importance but we are in full force celebrating *Mes Chamorro* and what better time [to set this day than during Chamorro Month].”

Fred Gofigan provided testimony in support of the bill:

“We need a holiday so it establishes who we are and what we believe and stand for. There is no doubt that Chamorros are the most patriotic individuals in the world. Let me read an excerpt of a letter. Sancho writes the following about [early Chamorros]:

‘[They are] a peaceful people [who] care for one another although they are not Christians. They are naturally kind which this is just who we are kind. As time come we lose that. They are so loving as I lived with them it is so peaceful that puts our country to shame as civilized people. They have their heart tuned to kindness, peaceful, loving. They share all that they reap from the seas or the land. They hold hands and help each other whether in happiness or in death. They embrace each other and with no celebration necessary.’

“This is just a brief excerpt of an outsider’s observance of who we are— Chamorros!”

Elizabeth Untalan provided a very verbose testimony in support of the bill. She stated that this is her first time to provide testimony during a public hearing since she has been off island for many years. She said that she has exposed her children and grandchildren to the local culture despite living in the U.S. mainland. She added that since her return to the island she has been trying to get back to her roots and learning more about her history and heritage. She stated that she hopes the senators will give the Chamorro people a day to celebrate culture. She concluded that senators should not place a price on history and that Guam owes it to its people to give them this holiday.

Chairman Cruz thanked the panel and, on the account that there was no one else present to provide oral testimony, adjourned the public hearing for Bill No. 286-32 (COR).

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on General Government Operations and Cultural Affairs to which was referred "Bill No. 286-32 (COR) - T. Morrison / V.A. Ada / C.M. Duenas / F.B. Aguon, Jr. / B.T. McCreadie - An act to amend §1001 of 1GCA relative to establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday on Guam" hereby submits these findings to *I Mina' Trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and reports out Bill No. 286-32 (COR) with a recommendation TO Report out Only

I MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 286-32 (CAR)

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3 **§1000. Holidays.**

4 (a) The holidays of Guam are:

5 New Year's Day;

6 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January;

7 Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day, the first Monday in March;

8 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

9 Independence Day, July 4th;

10 Liberation Day, July 21st;

11 Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

12 All Souls' Day, November 2;

13 Veterans' Day, November 11;

14 Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday in November;

15 Our Lady of Camarin Day, December 8; and

16 Christmas, December 25th.

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1 (b) Whenever a holiday listed in Subsection (a) of this Section falls on a Saturday or
2 Sunday, the government of Guam shall follow the Federal government's practice for that
3 holiday.

4 (c) In addition to the holidays specified in Subsection (a) of this Section, *I Maga'laha*
5 *Guåhan* may declare by Executive Order additional non-permanent holidays for special
6 purposes. No holiday declared by Executive Order shall be continued beyond the year in
7 which the Executive Order is issued.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Government of Guam employee
9 shall be entitled to holiday pay for working on *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day*.
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11 *Day* shall be given one (1) day off, at the employee's option, during the two-week prior to or
12 after *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day*.

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Testimony in Favor of Bill 286-32, Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day

By Cecilia A.Q. Morrison

Si Yu'us Ma'ase ni attension mi'yo yan i privilehu para bai'hu saonao guine na occasion. Gua'hu si Cecilia Morrison ya'hu faboresi este i ma'prupopuni – i Bill No. 286-32.

I ponder about this bill over and over again since Senator Morrison informed me about the hearing date. There are a number of very important reasons to support it. Similarly, opposing views abound that are equally defensible; and so, the task at hand was to develop support that asserts a solid position.

Yesterday, I find myself mentally going in and out of a number of themes from which to focus my testimony. And I found myself in an uncanny predicament! I was in absolute awe as I took a break to do a daily routine – turned the page of my **Best Loved Bible Verses** and there – glaring out from the page, is Job 11:7. “Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the limits of the Almighty? Dumbstruck, I thought: The retiring speaker before me referenced God and I, too, will follow along like thoughts of God. Since I'm created in the likeness of God, I am venturing into using these verses. How solid can you get with that as a reference?

And so, I present my questions on these thoughts. “Can you discover your own depths? Can you discover your limits? Speaking for myself, I would say that almost daily, I spent some time trying to touch bases with my belief system in God. I have made untold discoveries but so much also remain unanswered. Can I frame my testimony – based on self-discoveries (or lack thereof) to support of Bill 286-32? What topic is most important? Is it **education**, is it **history**, or, is it our heritage? What about **preservation** concerns, shouldn't equal importance be extended to these issues?

Culture links to our philosophy, nation, ethos, values, principles, and beliefs. More apropos, I liken it to be a bit defining about how most of us feel about ourselves, how we, as a people, as Guamanians or “Guahanians” bond with each other. (I list “Guamanians” or “Guahanians” only to point out that “Chamorro” is a former South American president's surname. Of late, I see a different spelling, which is “Chamoru.” And the origin of the latter continues to escape me.)

As far as I am able to see, a good majority of us on Guam (if not all) are descendants of diverse ethnic origins. I know of no one here whose family lineage is not of multiple makeup. Speaking for myself, my maternal side is Chamorro-Mexican-Spanish. On occasional conversations among family, I hear on and off that there may be some Filipino bloodline from my maternal grandmother. My paternal side is of Chamorro-Chinese lineage – dominance on the latter. Adding my husband's side, counting only his parents, his father has a dominant Scottish side and from his mother, Irish-American Indian. I consider this to be quite delightful a family tree for my children – similar to a good many Guamanians.

And so, when we take into consideration our differences and our diverse ethnicities, etc., what bonds us with each other? I believe that the value that we each place in practicing our traditions is key in sustaining our belief system and one that perpetuates our common bond – which is our culture.

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Si Yu’us Ma’ase. Thank you.



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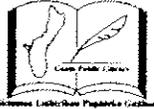
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Re: TESTIMONY ON BILL 286-32

Buenas yan Háfa Adai 'Vice Speaker Cruz:
Dångkolu na si Yu'os ma'áse' ni' este na opottunidát ni' bai na'huyong testimoniu para i 'Bill 286-32, ákto para u amende \$1001 i para u ma estapblesi ta'lo i Ha'ánen Hestorian Guahån yan Erensian Chamorro komu ligát na gupot para i Gubetnamenton Guahån. Este na silebrasion kutturán Chamorro u fa'ná'gue i famagu'on-ta put rikesan hestorian-ni'ha ya siña u ineppok i meggai na grupon otro kuttura gi ya Guahån pá'go. Buenti kanna' kuáttro mit años i rikesan hestorian Guahån di ma abiba ni' man Chamorro ya esta pá'go gagaige ha' i sinistienen-ni'ha ni' kuttura. Un diha ha' ta'lo más para ta silebra ya ta fambanidoson maisa para unu na songsong gi sanhaya para u ma kontenuha ya u ma sedi inatulaika gi estoria, kánta, dándan yan baila para i mamaila' na henerasion. Gi magáhet, i Mahot Umátac ha sapopotte ya malago' para u adilanta meggai na prográman kuttura ya u ma usa i gima' eskuela ni' estába F.Q. Sanchez.

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Kalan hu lili'e' ha' na este i ha'änen kuttura na tãddong i sinenti gi manmamaila na tiempo para i hestorian Chamorro. I opottunidat para u dãngkolu i presentasion , i litratu para u klãru i prinisenta, pine'lon matiriat, tinige', 'audio' yan 'video medium' yan trãstes Chamorro u fanga'chong yan u fandanña' i inidehan palu kumunidat ya u mana'nuebu i plãnu yanggen manhanao para Umatak ya u mali'e' i nuebu na hestoria gi ya Guahãn yan u sigi ha' lumã'la' i kutturat entre i manhoben ni' manmalagu' na u matungo' komu manChamorro. Siguru yu' na komu ma pãsa este na Akto siempre u sini'on i mambibisnes para u fañaonao gi plinanehan sinisedi para u kinombida mãs bisita ya ahe' ti put i ha'änen gupot ha' , lao put manmalago' para ma tungo' i rikesan hestorian i sanhaya lokkue'! Petlas i sanhaya na pãtte gi ya Guahãn ni' a'annok i minasã'pet yan binatbaru, tinanga ya ti u fanmaleffa ni' buniton i lugãt yan i buniton i chalan ni' ma fa'posgue. I manaotao sanhaya Guahãn mananimosu ya siempre u mana'lã'la' i Espiriton Chamorro.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony relative to Bill 286-32, an act to amend §1001 of GCA relative to establishing **Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day** as a legal holiday of the Government of Guam. The celebration of the Chamorro culture not only of teaching our children of our rich history but also enhances our many cultural group on Guam today. The almost 4,000 year rich history of Guam enhances the Chamorro people who have sustained their culture to the very lives of our current day residents. An additional day to celebrate the Chamorro pride in one of our southern villages will allow the exchange of perpetuating in story, song, music and dance for generation to come. In fact, the Mayor of Umatac is very much in favor of developing more cultural programs within the vacant school building once known as F.Q. Sanchez.

I can envision a lasting impact this cultural day would have on the future of the Chamorro story. The opportunity to grow presentations, illustrations, incorporate a display of artifacts, archival materials, graphics, audio and visual medium and Chamorro crafts would be a companion to innovative assembly of communities going to Umatac to view post-contact history in Guam and the ever increasing cultural resurgence among our visitor industry to increasingly participate in planned events not only on the holiday itself but also regularly in their interest to learning the rich history of the south as well!!

The southern part of Guam is a gem that portrays hardships and heroism, hope and the insurmountable reminder of a beautiful landscape alive with beautiful scenic routes. The southernness of Guam are resilient and will grow the Chamorro spirit.

I fundamenton i kutturãn Guahãn gaige i Espiriton Chamorro ya ni ngaian na u falingu. Malago' yu' na bai sohyo' todũ i Mahot siha gi sanhaya na u fandanña' ya u mafatta i lugãt-niha durãnten este na gupot! Este na Akso meggai minaolekña sa' guãha inadahi put sino u falingu i kutturãn Chamorro. Ginen i hinengge-ta ni' Espiriton Chamorro na lã'la'la i lengguãhi, dãndan, kãnta yan baila. I sengsong sanhaya u ma chule' bentãha ni' este na gupot ya u fandanña' ya u ma otden este na silebrasion i manChamorro; un diha para

inilao, pribiniye pasehon minagof para i bisita yan kontodu taotao tãno'...pasehu ya ta fatta i minagof yan manatendidon taotao gi sanhaya. I sanhaya na songsong Guahãn bula mambunitu para ma fatta ya este na ha'ãnen gupot siña mãs sesso i bisita ma fatoigue.

The Espiriton Chamorro is and always will be fundamental to Guam's cultural destiny. I am encouraged to recommend that all southern Mayors would join as one in showcasing the south during this holiday! This bill has much potential in safeguarding the further erosion of the Chamorro culture. It is a testimony to the Chamorro spirit that so much of the language, music, song and some dances have survived. The southern villages can take full advantage of this holiday to collectively enjoin in this celebration of Chamorro; a tour of our "southern hospitality."

The southernmost villages of Guam have spectacular features and this additional holiday could illuminate a wave of visitors to regularly frequent the south of Guam.

Meggai manChamorro manmãtai gi minimon Espaãot yan Chapanes, lao manlã'la' hit sa' i manChamorro sumãsangan i estoria ya manmaolek i sinangan-ñiha.

Many Chamorro people died in conflicts of Spanish and Japanese occupations, yet we survive as a Chamorro telling our stories and telling them well.

Este na Akto empottãnte na plãnu put i isla-ta, Siempre ha silebra "I Hinanao-ta" komu manChamorro.

This bill has a strategic importance of our island, it shall commemorate "Our Journey" as Chamorros.



JOSEPH ARTERO-CAMERON

Prisedenten Chamorro Affairs



March 18, 2014

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Vice-Speaker
I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

RE: Bill 286-32

Håfa Adai Vice Speaker Cruz!

Si Yu'os Ma'ase and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony relative to Bill No. 286-32 titled, "An act to amend §1001 of IGCA relative to establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday on Guam."

The Guam Visitors Bureau remains committed to promoting and perpetuating the Chamorro culture. Guam's unique 4,000-year history is something that distinguishes our home from any other island paradise in the world. As we move forward in telling the story of Guam, it is necessary to raise awareness of the different parts of our history and share it with our local residents and visitors.

Bill 286-32 provides another opportunity to embrace our local culture and reinvigorate an economic booster for our island. While Discovery Day activities are still conducted annually in Umatac, establishing Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day as a legal holiday is a great way to kick off Chamorro Month. This holiday can further drive tourism to southern Guam, where culturally rich practices are still a way of life. Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day can also bring island residents together to learn more about their heritage and the efforts to sustain it for future generations.

It is for these reasons above, that GVB is pleased to provide support for Bill 286-32.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership of Guam's largest industry.

Senseramente',

JON NATHAN DENIGHT
Acting General Manager

CC: All Senators, 32nd Guam Legislature



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March 31, 2014

Memorandum

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: **Fiscal Notes / Waivers**

Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal notes and waiver for the bill numbers listed below.

Please note that the fiscal notes, or waivers, are issued on the bills as introduced.

FISCAL NOTES:

Bill No. 263-32(COR)

Bill No. 266-32(COR)

Bill No. 276-32(COR)

Bill No. 277-32(COR)

Bill No. 286-32(COR)

WAIVER:

Bill No. 292-32(COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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Senator Rory J. Respicio
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Hafa Adai Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is Fiscal Note on the following Bill Nos.: 263-32(COR), 266-32(COR), 276-32(COR), 277-32(COR), 286-32(COR) and Fiscal Note Waiver on the following Bill Nos.: 292-32(COR).

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.



JOHN A. RIOS
Director

Enclosures
cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 286-32 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND §1001 OF 1 GCA RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: ALL	Dept./Agency Head: N/A
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	591,049,932
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:	168,057,944
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$759,107,876

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2013 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2014 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2014 Appro. (Bill No. 1(4-S))	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2014 (if applicable)	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Specify Special Fund)	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ /X/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes /X/ No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate re / / N/A / / Yes / / No
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: Angela Flores, BMA IV Date: 3/19/14 Director: John A. Rios, Director Date: MAR 28 2014

Footnotes: 1/
For an additional Guam holiday, the *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day*, the Government's total estimated cost for personnel services of departments/agencies paid through the Department of Administration, for one day is \$810,147 (General Fund: Salaries - \$401,087 / Benefits - \$144,327; Special Fund: Salaries - \$97,900 / Benefits - \$37,162; Federal Fund: Salaries - \$93,974 / Benefits - \$35,597) based on Labor for pay period ending March 8, 2014. Additional costs will be incurred by employees required to work on the proposed holiday, such as uniform personnel (safety and health) and others, who will be compensated at a rate equivalent to double their rate. It is noted that the bill language identifies §1001 of 1 GCA, however, the listing of holidays of Guam are under §1000.



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March 7, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Rory J. Respicio**
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Bill No. 286-32(COR)**

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 286-32(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslauran Guahan
Bill Log Sheet

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
286-32 (COR)	Tommy Morrison V. Anthony Ada Chris M. Duenas FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Brant T. McCreadie	AN ACT TO AMEND §1001 OF 1GCA RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.	3/6/14 12:24 p.m.	03/07/14	Committee on General Governmental Operations and Cultural Affairs			



FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearings – March 18, 2014

1 message

Cheerful Catunao <cheerful@senatorbjcruz.com>
 To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org
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Tue, Mar 11, 2014 at 8:00 AM

March 11, 2014

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To: All Members / All Senators
From: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairman
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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – March 18, 2014

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Sun, Mar 16, 2014 at 8:30 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Cc: mis@guamlegislature.org, clerks@guamlegislature.org

March 16, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members / All Senators

From: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Chairman

Re: SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing – March 18, 2014

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Individuals requiring assistance or special accommodations should contact Mr. Carlo J. Branch at the Office of the Vice Speaker at 477-2521, or by e-mail at carlo.branch@senatorbjcruz.com.

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PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room • Hagatña, Guam

9:00AM

Bill No. 289-32 (COR) - B.J.F. Cruz - "An act to amend subsection 5121(e) of Part C, Article 2, Chapter 5, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to permitting alternative dispute resolution in contracts approved by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund."

Bill No. 262-32 (COR) - B.T. McCreadie - "An act to amend §77107 and to add a new §77135 to Chapter 77, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated relative to establishing a public-private partnership for vehicle impoundment."

Bill No. 284-32 (COR) - D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. - "An act to establish the position of Chief Medical Director, Department of Public Health & Social Services; and to provide for collateral duty as Medical Director, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, by adding a new § 1104, § 1105 and § 1106 to Chapter 1 - Administration, Title 10, Guam Code Annotated."

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March 31, 2014

Memorandum

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Majority Leader & Rules Chair

Subject: Fiscal Notes / Waivers

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Hafa Adai!

Attached please find the fiscal notes and waiver for the bill numbers listed below.

Please note that the fiscal notes, or waivers, are issued on the bills as introduced.

FISCAL NOTES:

- Bill No. 263-32(COR)
- Bill No. 266-32(COR)
- Bill No. 276-32(COR)
- Bill No. 277-32(COR)
- Bill No. 286-32(COR)

WAIVER:

- Bill No. 292-32(COR)

Please forward the same to MIS for posting on our website. Please contact our office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Si Yu'os ma'åse'!

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Hafa Adai Senator Respicio:

Transmitted herewith is Fiscal Note on the following Bill Nos.: 263-32(COR), 266-32(COR), 276-32(COR), 277-32(COR), 286-32(COR) and Fiscal Note Waiver on the following Bill Nos.: 292-32(COR).

If you have any question(s), please do not hesitate to call the office at 475-9412/9106.


JOHN A. RIOS
Director

Enclosures
cc: Senator Vicente (ben) Pangelinan

**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 286-32 (COR)**

AN ACT TO AMEND §1001 OF 1 GCA RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

Department/Agency Appropriation Information

Dept./Agency Affected:	ALL	Dept./Agency Head:	N/A
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:			591,049,932
Department's Other Fund (Specify) appropriation(s) to date:			168,057,944
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:			\$759,107,876

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2013 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2014 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2014 Appro. (Bill No. I(4-S))	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2014 (if applicable)	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Specify Special Fund)	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ /X/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? / / N/A / / Yes /X/ No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate re / / N/A / / Yes / / No
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: Angela Flores Date: 3/19/14 Director: John A. Rios Date: MAR 28 2014
Angela Flores, BMA IV John A. Rios, Director

Footnotes: 1/
For an additional Guam holiday, the *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day*, the Government's total estimated cost for personnel services of departments/agencies paid through the Department of Administration, for one day is \$810,147 (General Fund: Salaries - \$401,087 / Benefits - \$144,327; Special Fund: Salaries - \$97,900 / Benefits - \$37,162; Federal Fund: Salaries - \$93,974 / Benefits - \$35,597) based on Labor for pay period ending March 8, 2014. Additional costs will be incurred by employees required to work on the proposed holiday, such as uniform personnel (safety and health) and others, who will be compensated at a rate equivalent to double their rate. It is noted that the bill language identifies §1001 of 1 GCA, however, the listing of holidays of Guam are under §1000.



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March 10, 2014

VIA E-MAIL

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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes– Bill Nos. 285-32 (COR) through 289-32(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Rios:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsors	Title
285-32 (COR)	T. R. MUÑA BARNES	AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (DOA) FOR WESTCARE PACIFIC ISLANDS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING INTENSE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING INFORMATIONAL AND REFERRAL SERVICES TO ALL VETERANS ON GUAM.
286-32 (COR)	Tommy Morrison V. Anthony Ada Chris M. Duenas FRANK B. AGUON, JR. Brant T. McCreadie	AN ACT TO AMEND §1001 OF 1GCA RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING GIJAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.
287-32 (COR)	T. R. MUÑA BARNES	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN TO EXCHANGE GOVERNMENT- OWNED PROPERTY IN ASINAN ORDOT-CHALAN PAGO RESERVED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT- OWNED PROPERTY IN DEDEDO OWNED BY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST.
288-32 (COR)	Michael F.Q. San Nicolas B.J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO SUSPEND ALL TAX CREDITS, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED PROSPECTIVE TO THIS ACT, AS CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED, OR AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
289-32 (COR)	B.J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 5121(E) OF PART C, ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PERMITTING ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN CONTRACTS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RETIREMENT FUND.



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March 7, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 286-32(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 286-32(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse!

Attachment

I MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 28-32 (CAR)

Introduced by:

T.A. Morrison 
V.A. Ada 
C.M. Duenas 
F.B. Aguon, Jr. 
B.T. McCreadie 

AN ACT TO AMEND §1001 OF 1GCA RELATIVE TO
ESTABLISHING *GUAM HISTORY AND CHAMORRO
HERITAGE DAY* AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

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

2 **Section 1.** Section 1001 of 1GCA is *amended* to read as follows:

3 **§1000. Holidays.**

4 (a) The holidays of Guam are:

5 New Year's Day;

6 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January;

7 Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day, the first Monday in March;

8 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

9 Independence Day, July 4th;

10 Liberation Day, July 21st;

11 Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

12 All Souls' Day, November 2;

13 Veterans' Day, November 11;

14 Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday in November;

15 Our Lady of Camarin Day, December 8; and

16 Christmas, December 25th.

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1 (b) Whenever a holiday listed in Subsection (a) of this Section falls on a Saturday or
2 Sunday, the government of Guam shall follow the Federal government's practice for that
3 holiday.

4 (c) In addition to the holidays specified in Subsection (a) of this Section, *I Maga 'lahen*
5 *Guåhan* may declare by Executive Order additional non-permanent holidays for special
6 purposes. No holiday declared by Executive Order shall be continued beyond the year in
7 which the Executive Order is issued.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Government of Guam employee
9 shall be entitled to holiday pay for working on *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day*.
10 Government of Guam employees required to work on *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage*
11 *Day* shall be given one (1) day off, at the employee's option, during the two-week prior to or
12 after *Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day*.