I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 37-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO *REPEAL* AND *REENACT* SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER III, PART II-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, OF PUBLIC LAW 30-196, RELATIVE TO FUNDING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ANIMAL SHELTER, CURRENTLY OPERATED BY THE GUAM ANIMALS IN NEED (GAIN), INC",** was on the 23rd day of February, 2011, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 25th day of Feb, 2011, at 7:14 o'clock P.M.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that the operations of the government of Guam animal shelter in *Yigo* continue without interruption.

Ensuring for the proper care and handling of stray and domestic animals in Guam is a public health issue. Thus, the Budget Act of the government of Guam for Fiscal Year 2011 directed that the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) be appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) for the purposes of funding the operations of the government-owned animal shelter in *Yigo*, currently operated by the Guam Animals in Need (GAIN), Inc. However, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) currently exists between the Department of Agriculture and GAIN for the exact same purposes.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that it is in the best interest that the existing MOU continue. As well, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that the operator of the animal shelter is able to operate in the most expeditious manner with timely funding. The current operator has met some challenges in receiving appropriate funding as allocated in preceding budget acts of the government of Guam. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to ensure that timely funding is provided for the operations of the government-owned, not-for-profit animal shelter in *Yigo*, Guam.

Section 2. Section 12 of Chapter III, Part II of Public Law 30-196, relative to the Department of Public Health and Social Services, is hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read:

"**Section 12**. The sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars **($100,000)** is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, and *shall* be used to fund the operations of the government of Guam animal shelter, currently operated by the Guam Animals in Need (GAIN), Inc. in *Yigo*, Guam for Fiscal Year 2011. Notwithstanding the general provisions of §30107.1, Title 11, Guam Code Annotated, and this Act, this appropriation *shall* continue to be available until expended and *shall* be paid all at once, or

in equal installments, to the shelter operator prior to the start of each quarter of the 2011 Fiscal Year. Any arrears due *shall* be paid to the current shelter operator *no later than* ten (10) days after enactment of this provision into law."

Section 3. Effective Date. This provision *shall* take effect upon enactment into law.