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

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 266-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.7 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE RENAMING OF THE TIYAN PARKWAY TO THE *CHALAN MAGA'HÅGA*,"** was on the 15th day of April, 2014, 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 16 day of April, 2014, at 1:10 o'clock P.M.

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Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'lahen Guåhan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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FILE

Bill No. 266-32 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Education, Public Library and Women's Affairs; and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by: Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 849.7 TO CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RENAMING *TIYAN* PARKWAY TO *CHALAN MAGA'HÅGA*.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. A new § 849.7 is hereby *added* to Chapter 8 of Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"§ 849.7. *Chalan Maga'håga*.

(a) *Chamorro* women have always held powerful roles in their families and in our society. The most powerful woman in ancient *Chamorro* society was the *Maga'håga*, or the first-born daughter of

the highest ranking person in a clan. Clans were governed equally by a *Maga'håga* and a *Maga'låhi* (the first-born son). When decisions were made, the *Maga'håga* always had the final say. Unfortunately, this power was not respected by Europeans, who wrote the first accounts of *Chamorro* history and purposely left out the names of women. They were critical of the roles women played in ancient *Chamorro* society, noting that women held power reserved for men in the rest of the world.

Although *Chamorro* women are largely unnamed throughout written history, the sacrifices they made to keep the culture alive have not gone unnoticed. Since *Chamorro* culture is matrilineal, and family lines are traced through mothers, many scholars attribute the survival of the culture to women. People's identity and place in society were determined by who their mothers were. Thus, women shaped the destiny of their children, and ultimately of future generations of *Chamorros*. They also educated younger *Chamorros* about their genealogy, ensuring that they would always understand their connections to those around them, to their land, and to the history of their clan.

Just as *Tiyan* is located at the center of the island, the *Maga'håga* is a central figure in our society. Naming the *Tiyan* Parkway in honor of our island's powerful women gives tribute to the important roles women have assumed throughout Guam's history and today. They carry life in their wombs, nurture their children, and lead their families and our island with respect and dignity.

(b) Thus, the *Tiyan* Parkway located on the *Tiyan* plateau in the central part of Guam, bordering the municipalities of *Barrigada,*

Maite, and *Tamuning*, *shall* hereinafter be known as "*Chalan Maga'håga*", from its junction with Route 8 (Purple Heart Memorial Highway) to its junction with Route 10A.

(c) The Department of Public Works *shall* post signs along "*Chalan Maga'håga*" at appropriate intervals that visibly identify the roadway's official name."

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Voting Sheet

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

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Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA	✓				
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓				
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	✓				
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓				
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				

TOTAL	15				
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

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