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Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz

Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 170-34 (COR), **"AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 71101(C) OF CHAPTER 71, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING, SPECIFYING, AND DELINEATING THE AREA FOR THE NORTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,"** which was signed on November 9, 2017, as **Public Law 34-64.**

Senseramente,

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2017 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 170-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 71101(C) OF CHAPTER 71, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING, SPECIFYING, AND DELINEATING THE AREA FOR THE NORTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,"** was on the 27th day of October 2017, duly and regularly passed.

Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Speaker

Attested:

Régine Biscoe Lee
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* this 30th day of Oct, 2017, at 11:36 o'clock a.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: NOV 09 2017

Public Law No. 34-64

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Bill No. 170-34 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on Environment,
Land, Agriculture and Procurement Reform.

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AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 71101(c) OF CHAPTER 71, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING, SPECIFYING, AND DELINEATING THE AREA FOR THE NORTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Public Law 31-125:2 did not define the technical, scientific, and structural boundaries between the Guam Soil and Water Conservation Districts to help the

Northern and Southern Districts provide conservation, development, and prudent use of soil and water resources.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that Guam's Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) was established at the University of Guam in May 1975 to expand research interests in water-related areas of other disciplines from meteorology, geology, hydrology, geohydrology, engineering, environmental toxicology, environmental chemistry, mapping, and modeling.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that the role of the WERI is to facilitate and conduct high quality research that addresses water problems and water-related phenomena. The published research project, WERI 2007 Geologic Map and Sections of Guam, Mariana Islands, delineates, specifies and designates the northern and southern geologic soil make-up of the island of Guam.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that Guam consists of two (2) geologically distinct parts. Northern Guam is an undulating limestone plateau, and southern Guam is a rugged volcanic highland with some limestone outliers.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the *Adelup* (or *Adelup-Pago*) fault extends across the narrow waist of the island and forms the structural boundary between the northern and southern parts of the island (*USGS Seismic Hazard Assessment for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands 2012 by Charles S. Mueller, Kathleen M. Haller, Nicholas Luco, Mark D. Petersen, and Arthur D. Frankel*).

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that the Northern Soil and Water Conservation District and the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District were established to work in partnership with the University of Guam and in cooperation with all government of Guam entities overseeing local and federal programs established to promote the conservation, development, and the use of soil and water resources of Guam in order to control and prevent soil erosion and flooding, and to improve agriculture water management.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan also finds that the structural boundaries provided between northern and southern Guam helps the Districts provide conservation, development, and prudent use of soil and water resources.

Section 2. § 71101(c) of Chapter 71, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(c) *District* means the Northern Soil and Water Conservation District and the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District.

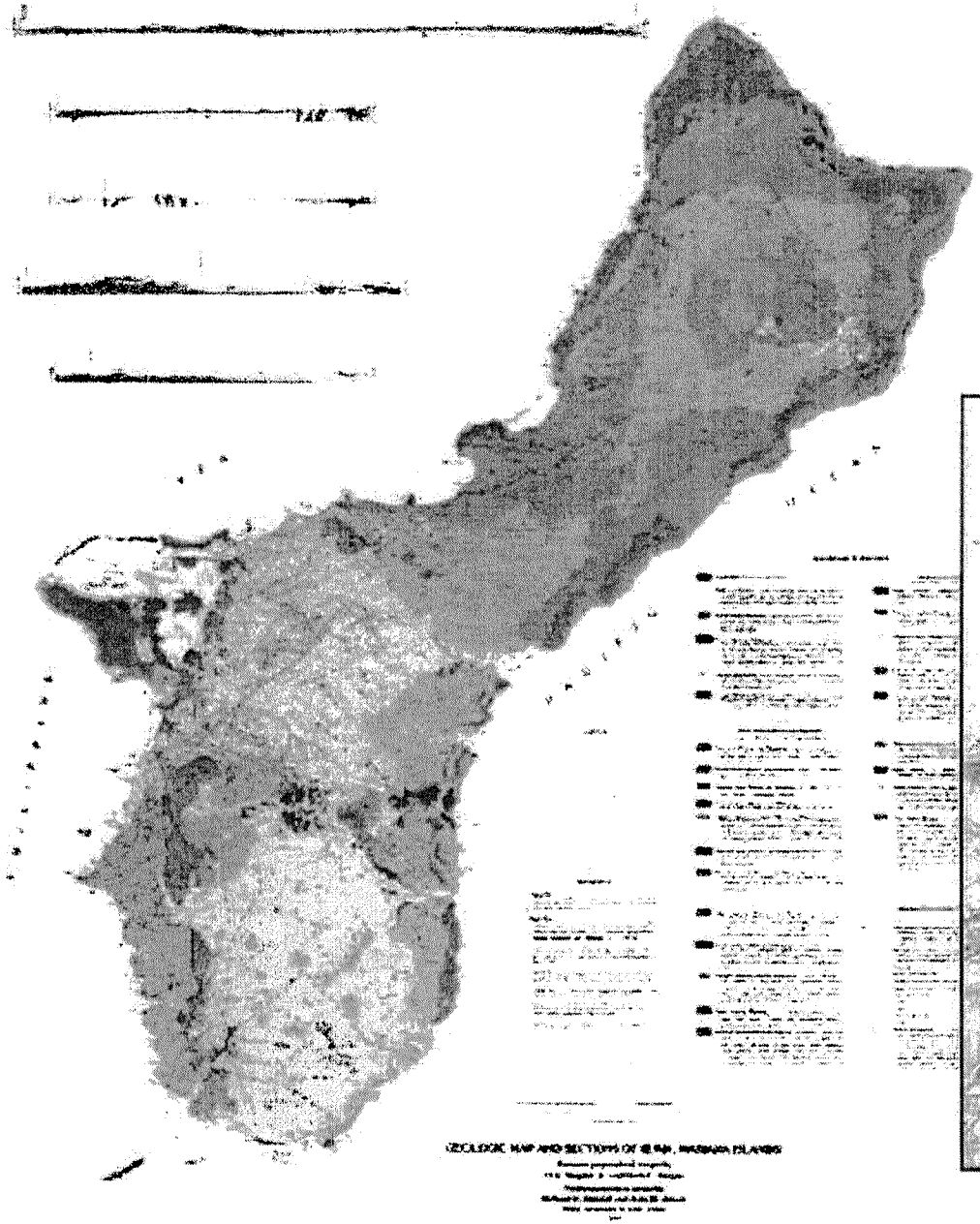
(1) *Northern Soil and Water Conservation District*, or *Northern District*, means the area organized pursuant to this Act as that area covering the northern area of Guam—the "entire" area designated as Northern Guam by the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), University of Guam, as published in the 2007 Geologic Map and Sections of Guam, Mariana Islands, as amended, with the *Adelup-Pago* fault extending across the narrow waist of the island and forms the structural boundary between the northern and southern parts of the island (map attached).

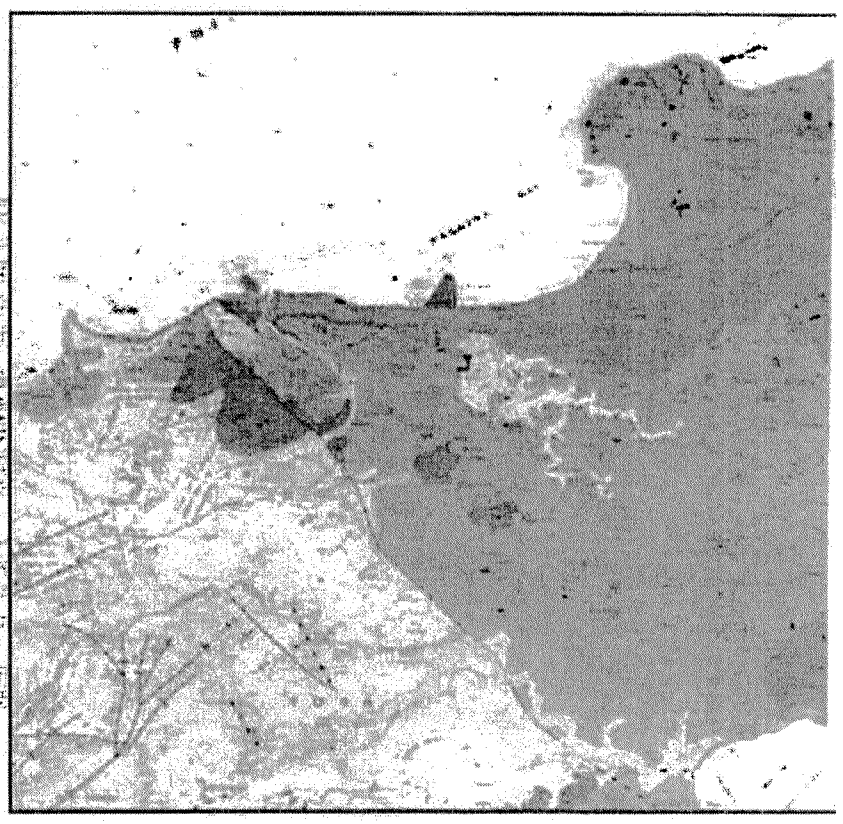
(2) *Southern Soil and Water Conservation District*, or *Southern District*, means the area organized pursuant to this Act as that area covering the southern area of Guam—the "entire" area designated as Southern Guam by the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), University of Guam, as published in the 2007 Geologic Map and Sections of Guam, Mariana Islands, as amended, with the *Adelup-Pago* fault extending across the narrow waist of the island and forms the structural boundary between the northern and southern parts of the island (map attached)."

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity

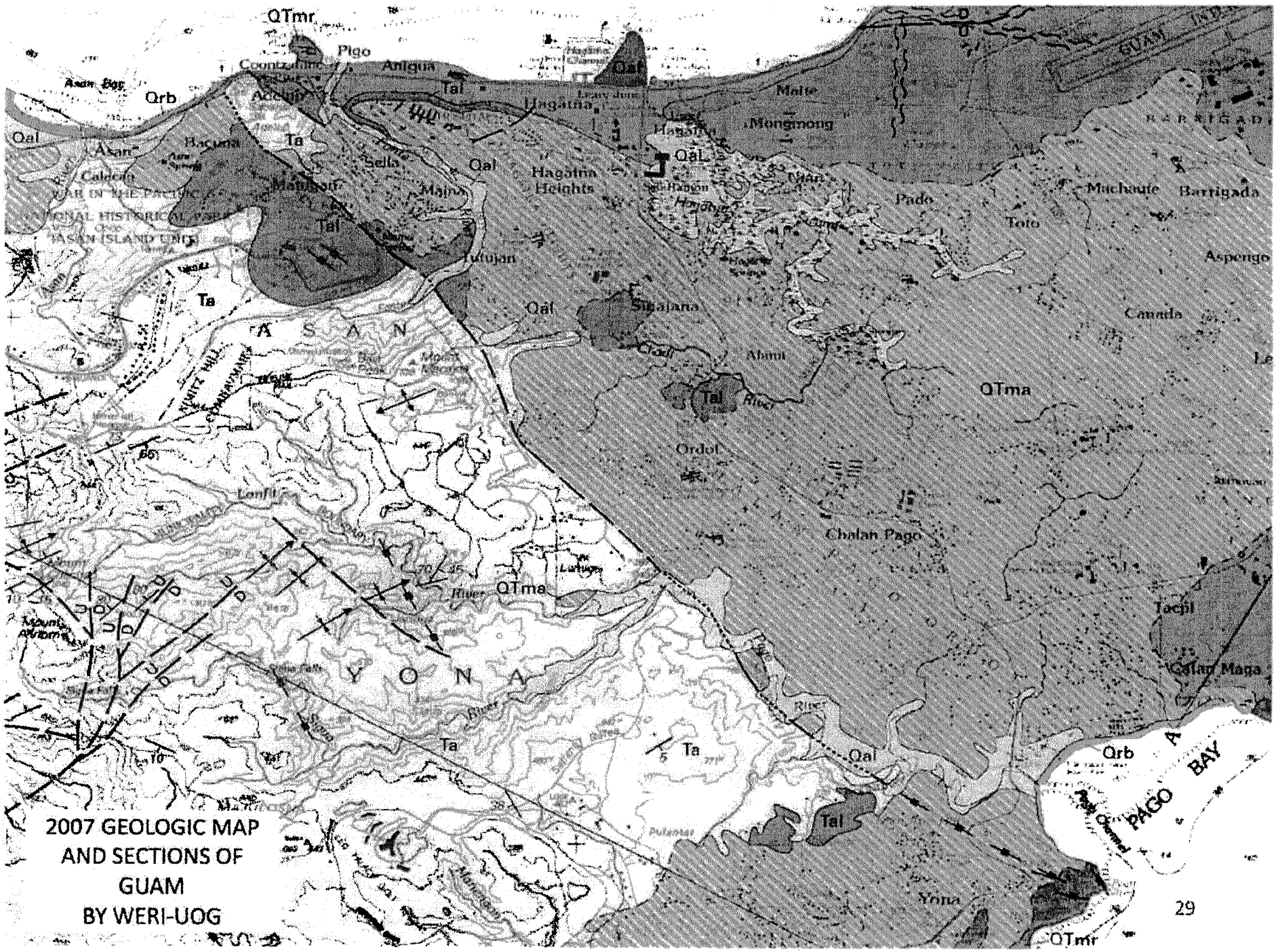
shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

2007 GEOLOGIC MAP AND SECTIONS OF GUAM BY WERI-UOG





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