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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 158-34 (COR), **"AN ACT TO *REPEAL* AND *REENACT* § 3108 OF ARTICLE 1, AND AMEND § 3202(A) OF ARTICLE 2, BOTH OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO NAMES ON MARRIAGE LICENSES,"** which was signed on November 9, 2017, as **Public Law 34-65.**

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. 158-34 (COR), "AN ACT TO *REPEAL* AND *REENACT* § 3108 OF ARTICLE 1, AND *AMEND* § 3202(A) OF ARTICLE 2, BOTH OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO NAMES ON MARRIAGE LICENSES,"** 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.

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APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: NOV 09 2017

Public Law No. 34-65

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Bill No. 158-34 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *REPEAL* AND *REENACT* § 3108 OF ARTICLE 1, AND *AMEND* § 3202(a) OF ARTICLE 2, BOTH OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 19, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO NAMES ON MARRIAGE LICENSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there is a need to update Guam statutes regarding the choice of a name upon marriage. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to allow a spouse greater options relative to his or her choice of a middle name and a surname, or a surname alone, upon marriage by indicating such election on a marriage license application.

Section 2. § 3108 of Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 19, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read:

"**§ 3108. Choices of Name Upon Marriage.**

(a) Upon entering into a contract of marriage, a spouse may elect to retain his or her surname before marriage as his or her surname after marriage, or a spouse may elect to adopt any of the following surnames:

(1) the current surname of the other spouse;

(2) the surname of either spouse given at birth;

(3) a combination of surnames; or

(4) either spouse may elect to hyphenate his or her surname with the surname of the other spouse.

(b) Upon entering into a contract of marriage, a spouse may elect to retain his or her middle name before marriage as his or her middle name after marriage, or a spouse may elect to adopt any of the following middle names:

(1) the current surname of either spouse;

(2) the surname of either spouse given at birth;

(3) a combination of the spouse's current middle name, and the current surname of the other spouse;

(4) a combination of the spouse's current middle name and surname;

(5) a combination of the spouse's current middle name and the spouse's surname given at birth; or

(6) a combination of the spouse's current middle name, and the other spouse's surname given at birth.

(c) An election by a person to change his or her name pursuant to this Section *shall* serve as a record of the name change. A certified copy of a marriage certificate indicating a person's new name, or retaining the former name, *shall* constitute proof that the use of the new name or retention of the former name is lawful."

Section 3. § 3202(a) of Article 2, Chapter 3, Title 19, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read:

"(a) All persons about to be joined in marriage must first obtain a license therefore, from the Department of Public Health and Social Services, which license *shall* state:

(1) the identity of the parties;

(2) their full names, residence, and place of birth;

(3) their date of birth;

(4) their citizenship;

(5) if an alien, whether a resident alien or a non-immigrant alien;

(6) the number of previous marriages, wherever contracted and how terminated; the occupations of the parties; the surname of each, if previously married; the names and birthplaces of each; and, the maiden name of the mother of each;

(7) whether a spouse elects to retain his or her surname upon marriage as provided for by § 3108;

(8) whether either party elects to hyphenate or change his or her surname upon marriage as provided for by § 3108;

(9) whether either party elects to retain or change his or her middle name upon marriage as provided for by § 3108;

(10) the social security number of each party; and, if a party does not have a social security number, he or she must state that fact; and

(11) whether the applicants elect to have their marriage solemnized by a village Mayor or Vice Mayor."

Section 4. Effective Date. This Act *shall* take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after enactment.