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SEP 18 2018

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
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Time: 3:04 pm
Received by:

Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
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Dear Madam Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 340-34 (LS), **"AN ACT TO *AMEND* THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 12, CHAPTER XII, PUBLIC LAW NO. 34-116, RELATIVE TO CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR PERTAINING TO THE HIRING OF CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES,"** which was signed on September 8, 2018, as **Public Law 34-119.**

Senseramente,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2018 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 340-34 (LS), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 12, CHAPTER XII, PUBLIC LAW NO. 34-116, RELATIVE TO CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR PERTAINING TO THE HIRING OF CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES,"** was on the 28th day of August 2018, 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 28th day of August, 2018, at 5:16 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'låhi's Office

APPROVED:

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Date: SEP 0 8 2018

Public Law No. 34-119

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Bill No. 340-34 (LS)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. On August 11, 2018, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) passed Bill 323-34 (COR), as amended by the Committee on Appropriations and Adjudication; substituted on the Floor; amended and further amended in the Committee of the Whole, entitled, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Operations of the Executive, Legislative, and

Judicial Branches of the Government of Guam for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2019, Making Other Appropriations, and Establishing Miscellaneous and Administrative Provisions," also known as the General Appropriations Act of 2019 (hereinafter "Budget Act"). The Legislature transmitted the Budget Act to the Governor on August 11, 2018. After transmittal of the bill, and prior to the Governor's approval or rejection of it, the Legislature found a typographical or scrivener's error, consisting of single word omission, in Section 12 of Chapter 12 of the Budget Act relative to restrictions on hiring unclassified employees. In his reading of Section 12, the Governor inaccurately interpreted the law as a limit on the hiring of employees necessary to provide critical services when in fact Section 12 was amended on the Floor to clarify the opposite: that government funds may be spent to hire certain unclassified employees, such as teachers, nurses, doctors, social workers, and others enumerated in that section.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan, recognizing its mistake, acknowledged the same on August 14, 2018, in a letter that accompanied its re-transmittal of the Budget Act and supporting Session documents reflecting the amendment and specific language at issue to the Governor for his acceptance.

Therefore, in order to clarify its intent, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* seeks to correct the scrivener's error by amending Section 12 of Chapter 12 of the Budget Act, now designated as Public Law No. 34-116, to insert the word "no" in the first paragraph of said section.

Section 2. The first paragraph of Section 12 of Chapter XII of Public Law No. 34-116, is *amended* to read:

"**Section 12. Restrictions on Hiring of Unclassified Employees.** Unless otherwise authorized by this Chapter, no government funds of any kind or description may be expended for the employment or

hiring of unclassified employees in the Executive Branch of the government of Guam, *except* for the following:"