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Honorable Telena Cruz Nelson
Acting Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Guam Congress Building
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: ***Bill No. 15-35 (COR), "An Act to Amend Section 8 of Chapter XI, Public Law 34-116; And To Appropriate Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars ($298,536) From the General Fund To the Guam Election Commission For Expenditures Related To The 2018 Primary And General Elections"***

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am pleased to sign Bill No. 15-35 (COR) as **Public Law 35-7**.

The Guam Election Commission (the "GEC") should be applauded in its efforts in ensuring that elections are conducted in accordance with Guam and Federal laws. Often unspoken of, the GEC oversees arguably one of the most important aspects of our society. Election cycle after election cycle, the GEC faces hurdles -- some new, others repeated -- to its mandate to protect the integrity of our voting system. This past election was no different. The GEC endured multiple legal challenges to calculations and how names should be displayed on a ballot. More importantly though, the GEC worked tirelessly to accommodate the numerous absentee voters that were called to the CNMI to assist our brothers and sisters in the Super Typhoon Yutu relief efforts. This all resulted in additional, but necessary expenditures.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge the expertise that has developed at the GEC. I believe that the Legislature, by transmitting this bill recognizes the value at the GEC. By signing this, I do the same.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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Governor of Guam

Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 15-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO *AMEND* SECTION 8 OF CHAPTER XI, PUBLIC LAW 34-116; AND TO APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS ($298,536) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE 2018 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS,"** was on the 21st day of March 2019, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 28th day of March, 2019, at 3:08 o'clock p.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 4/6/2019

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Bill No. 15-35 (COR)
As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriation, and Housing; and further amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Section 8 of Chapter XI, Public Law 34-116, is hereby *amended* to read:

"**Section 8. Guam Retirement Security Plan.** The sum of Two Hundred One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-four Dollars ($201,464) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to fund the Guam Retirement Security Plan established by Public Law 33-186."

Section 2. Appropriation to the Guam Election Commission. The sum of Two Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-six Dollars **($298,536)** is appropriated from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2019 to the Guam Election Commission for the sole purpose of paying expenditures related to the 2018 Primary and General Elections. The sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars **($109,650)** is authorized from the appropriation in this Section to pay prior year obligations of the Guam Election Commission for 2018 Primary Election expenditures.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.

Section 4. 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 provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.