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HONORABLE TINA MUÑA BARNES
Speaker
I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: **Bill No. 130-35 (COR)** – ***"An Act To Appropriate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) From The Healthy Futures Fund To The Department Of Administration For Continued Operation Of The Guam Autism Center; And To Repeal Public Law 35-9 In Its Entirety"***

Dear Madame Speaker:

Thank you for the prompt return of my proposed bill to correct deficiencies in Public Law 35-9. This bill which I have signed into law as **Public Law 35-27** finally gives the Guam Autism Center the necessary funding to continue operations through Fiscal Year 2019.

I am directing my agencies to make those funds available immediately.

Senseremente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

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Enclosure: Bill No. 130-35 nka Public Law 35-27

cc: *Sigundo Maga'lahi* (via email)
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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 130-35 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($150,000) FROM THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE GUAM AUTISM CENTER; AND TO *REPEAL* PUBLIC LAW 35-9 IN ITS ENTIRETY,"** was on the 8th day of July 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 8th day of July, 2019, at 2:40 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 7/17/2019

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 130-35 (COR)

Introduced by: Therese M. Terlaje
By request of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($150,000) FROM THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE GUAM AUTISM CENTER; AND TO *REPEAL* PUBLIC LAW 35-9 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that a Guam Autism Center was authorized pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 33-227. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* appropriated One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) to the Department of Administration for the non-profit organization, HunterSpeaks, in Fiscal Year 2018, pursuant to Chapter V, Section l(g)(l2) of Public Law 34-42, as an initial investment by the government of Guam to set up the Guam Autism Center, prior to the establishment of the DISID Business Center and One Stop Community Resource and Wellness Center.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that in early November 2018, the Guam Autism Center has taken in its first group of clients and has begun billing health insurance providers under the *Hunter's Law of 2017* (Public Law 34-06) as a means of long-term sustainability. Initial seed funding has been utilized to cover the cost of

training technicians, recruitment and operational costs. However, it may take approximately two (2) years before the Guam Autism Center is completely self-funded, and seed funding will run out by April 2019. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the services provided by the HunterSpeaks non-profit organization for the Guam Autism Center are vital to the quality of life of children living with autism spectrum disorder in our community.

It is, therefore, the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate additional funding to ensure the continuation of vital autism services provided by the HunterSpeaks non-profit organization from the audited fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund, contained in the Fiscal Year 2017 Government of Guam General Purpose Financial Statement and Single Audit Report.

Section 2. Appropriation. The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) is appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2017 audited available fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund in Fiscal Year 2019 to the Department of Administration (DOA) for the Guam Autism Center, operated by the HunterSpeaks non-profit organization in Fiscal Year 2019. This appropriation *shall* be used by the government of Guam to provide payment for autism spectrum disorder services, training, and operation of the Guam Autism Center; and *shall not* be transferred, used, or expended for any other purpose than what is specified in this Act.

Section 3. Reporting Requirements. The HunterSpeaks non-profit organization *shall* submit a status report every ninety (90) days to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* on the utilization of funds appropriated by this Act until such funds are fully expended.

Section 4. Repeal of Public Law 35-9. Public Law 35-9 is hereby *repealed.* in its entirety:

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~~**Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($150,000) is appropriated from any excess General Fund revenues in FY 2019 to the Department of Administration (DOA) for the Guam Autism Center, operated by the HunterSpeaks non-profit organization in Fiscal Year 2019. This appropriation *shall* be used by the government of Guam to provide payment for autism spectrum disorder services, training, and operation of the~~

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Section 5. Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective upon enactment.