

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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<b>140-36 (LS)</b> As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing.	Frank Blas Jr. Tina Rose Muña Barnes V. Anthony Ada Christopher M. Dueñas Telena Cruz Nelson Joanne Brown Telo T. Taitague Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Joe S. San Agustin Clynton E. Ridgell Sabina Flores Perez Amanda L. Shelton James C. Moylan Therese M. Terlaje Mary Camacho Torres	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 1 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING THE GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD TO RECOGNIZE ALL SUPPORT EFFORTS BY INDIVIDUALS FOR DISASTERS OR DECLARED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.	5/21/21 2:35 p.m.	5/28/21	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing	6/22/21 2:00 p.m.	6/29/21 3:43 p.m.  As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing	Request: 5/28/21  6/3/21	
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*Speaker*

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**RE: Bill No: 140-36 (LS) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 1 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING THE GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD TO RECOGNIZE ALL SUPPORT EFFORTS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS DURING DISASTERS OR DECLARED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES"**

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai Madame Speaker:*

Dear Madame Speaker:

Certainly, it is appropriate to recognize those among us who, in the most trying and difficult of times, have risen up to offer assistance to those in our community most in need. As we near what is the hopeful end of our COVID-19 ordeal, we establish the *Guam Humanitarian Service Award* for those whose service is particularly exemplary. This award will publicly recognize those in our government, military, and civilian sectors who actively work to protect life and property in the wake of an emergency on our island. **Bill 140-36 is now Public Law No. 36-38.**

*Senseremente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hāgan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam

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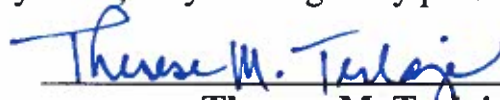
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cc: *Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, Sigundo Maga'lāhen Guåhan*  
*Compiler of Laws*

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 140-36 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 1 OF GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING THE *GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD* TO RECOGNIZE ALL SUPPORT EFFORTS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS DURING DISASTERS OR DECLARED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES," was on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021, duly and regularly passed.



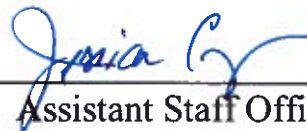
**Therese M. Terlaje**  
**Speaker**

Attested:



**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
2021, at 5:14 o'clock P.M.



**Jessica G.**  
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APPROVED:



**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
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***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 140-36 (LS)**

As amended by the Committee on General  
Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 1 OF  
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CREATING  
THE *GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD* TO  
RECOGNIZE ALL SUPPORT EFFORTS MADE BY  
INDIVIDUALS DURING DISASTERS OR DECLARED  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that in times of emergency or disaster, our community, most especially Guam's first  
4 responders and volunteers have, time and time again, unselfishly and without  
5 thought of personal safety, provided aid and support to those in need of help or

1 guidance. Our police officers, firefighters, emergency management and support  
2 personnel, doctors, nurses, active-duty military members and guardsmen, linemen,  
3 and non-profit volunteers have been exposed to the risks of trauma and injury beyond  
4 what they would routinely face to ensure the health and safety of those in our  
5 community and elsewhere. Beginning in March of 2020, our island was besieged by  
6 the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), which affected every aspect of life,  
7 not just on Guam, but throughout the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused  
8 fear, panic, pain, and loss of life, and we pray that it will end soon. In the meantime,  
9 our first responders and volunteers will continue to do what they can to protect the  
10 health of all in our community.

11 These efforts should not go unnoticed, and we should never forget the work  
12 and sacrifices of every person who has responded to our island’s needs and calls for  
13 help. In recognition of this, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to establish an award  
14 program to acknowledge and express appreciation for individuals who are  
15 instrumental in helping our community and beyond with responding to and  
16 recovering from a natural or man-made disaster or public health emergency. This  
17 recognition will become a permanent testament to the sacrifices and dedication of  
18 each individual in the performance of their work in a qualified event.

19 **Section 2.** This Act shall be known as the “*Guam Humanitarian Service*  
20 *Award Program.*”

21 **Section 3.** A new Chapter 9 is hereby *added* to Title 1 of Guam Code  
22 Annotated, to read as follows:

23 **“CHAPTER 9**

24 **GUAM HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD**

25 § 901. Short Title.

26 § 902. Creation.

27 § 903. Award Frequency and Limitations.

1 § 904. Eligibility Criteria.

2 § 905. Selection Procedures.

3 § 906. Type of Award.

4 § 907. Record of Recognition.

5 **§ 901. Short Title.**

6 This Act shall be known and cited as the “*Guam Humanitarian Service Award*  
7 *Program.*”

8 **§ 902. Creation.**

9 There is created within the Office of the Governor of Guam, the *Guam*  
10 *Humanitarian Service Award* (Award), to be given to individuals who actively  
11 participated in the accomplishment of missions or task(s) to protect life or property  
12 during or in the aftermath of a natural or man-made disaster, public health  
13 emergency, or civil unrest.

14 **§ 903. Award Frequency and Limitations.**

15 The Governor may accept nominations for the Award commencing sixty (60)  
16 days after the declaration of a natural or man-made disaster, public health  
17 emergency, or civil unrest. Nominations for the Award may be submitted by any  
18 person; provided that, no person may nominate themselves.

19 **§ 904. Eligibility Criteria.**

20 A nominee is eligible for the Award if they have personified the spirit of  
21 humanitarian commitment and compassion, and impartially provided services to  
22 assist those in need or distress during or in the aftermath or a natural or man-made  
23 disaster, public health emergency, or civil unrest; and

24 (a) the individual directly participated, for at least five (5) days, in a  
25 humanitarian act for an individual or group of individuals; or

26 (b) the individual suffered from an injury, related illness, or death  
27 while performing their duty.

1           **§ 905. Selection Procedures.**

2           (a) The Governor shall appoint his or her staff members to serve on a  
3 committee to review nomination packets to ensure eligibility criteria and disaster or  
4 emergency event guidelines have been met.

5           (b) A review panel of no less than three (3) individuals appointed by the  
6 Governor shall convene, within thirty (30) working days upon receipt of the  
7 nomination packets, to verify the authenticity and merit of the disaster or emergency  
8 event and validate nominations.

9           (c) Upon verification and validation of a disaster or emergency event and  
10 nomination, the Governor may approve the nomination and convey the Award to the  
11 recipient in the order and fashion the Governor deems appropriate.

12           **§ 906. Type of Award.**

13           (a) Certificate. A Certificate of Award shall indicate the following  
14 information, including, but not limited to: the name of the Award recipient, the  
15 disaster or emergency event he or she participated in, the date of their participation,  
16 and the date the Award was issued.

17           (b) Military (Active, Reserve, National Guard). The Governor may cause  
18 to design a ribbon that a military member can wear on their uniform while on Guam.  
19 This ribbon, along with the certificate, shall be presented to the recipient by the  
20 Governor or his or her designee.

21           (c) Government of Guam Uniformed Personnel. The Governor may cause  
22 to design a ribbon that a uniformed officer shall wear on their Class A and Class B  
23 uniforms. This ribbon, along with certificate, shall be presented to the recipient by  
24 the Governor or his or her designee.

25           (d) Non-uniformed Government of Guam Personnel and Non-Government  
26 of Guam Civilians. The Governor may cause to design a lapel pin that the recipient

1 can wear at any time. This lapel pin, along with the certificate, shall be presented to  
2 the recipient by the Governor or his or her designee.

3 **§ 907. Record of Recognition.**

4 Thirty (30) working days after the end of each calendar year, the Governor  
5 shall submit a list of all the individuals who received the Award in said calendar year  
6 to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to be appended to the Legislative Journal.”

7 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
8 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall  
9 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
11 severable.

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