

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

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
<b>97-37 (COR)</b> As amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture; and further amended on the Floor	Roy A. B. Quinata Telo T. Taitague Jesse A. Lujan Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Joe S. San Agustin William A. Parkinson Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Thomas J. Fisher Sabina Flores Perez Chris Barnett Frank Blas, Jr. Therese M. Terlaje Joanne Brown	AN ACT TO TRANSFER LOT NO. 106, MUNICIPALITY OF <i>INALÁHAN</i> , FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE <i>INALÁHAN</i> BAPTIST CHURCH TO THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST.	4/12/23 4:16 p.m.	4/17/23	Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture	Request: 4/17/23  Waiver: 4/25/23	5/2/23 2:00 p.m.	10/5/23 2:47 p.m.  As amended by the Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture	
	<b>SESSION DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE PASSED</b>	<b>TRANSMITTED</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>PUBLIC LAW NO.</b>	<b>DATE SIGNED</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	
	10/23/23	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE <i>INALÁHAN</i> MAYOR AND <i>INALÁHAN</i> MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR LOT NO. 106-1, BLOCK 12, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF <i>INALÁHAN</i> , FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE <i>INALÁHAN</i> BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE <i>INALÁHAN</i> BAPTIST	10/31/23	11/1/23	11/13/23	37-45	11/10/23	Received: 11/10/23 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-23-1243	

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November 10, 2023

**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, Speaker**  
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**Re: Bill No. 97-37 (COR), "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE INALÅHAN MAYOR AND INALÅHAN MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR LOT NO. 106-1, BLOCK 12, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INALÅHAN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE INALÅHAN BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE INALÅHAN BAPTIST CHURCH"**

*Håfa Adai* Madame Speaker,

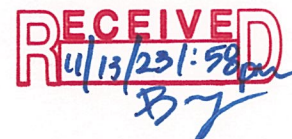
Bill No. 97-37 authorizes the Governor to transfer the jurisdictional authority over Lot No. 106-1, municipality of *Inalåhan*, to the *Inalåhan* Mayor and the *Inalåhan* Municipal Planning Council. Lot 106-1 is the location of the *Inalåhan* Baptist Church. The *Inalåhan* Baptist Church holds great significance to the village of *Inalåhan*, and to our island. The Church's Spanish-inspired architecture and materials, a nod to pre-war design and aesthetic, evoke the influence of both Spanish and CHamoru culture on our island's oldest village. Established by a small group of CHamoru Baptists seeking to express and practice their beliefs in a predominantly Catholic society, the Church's very existence is a testament to the tradition of inclusivity and mutual respect of the *Inalåhan* people.

Preserving the *Inalåhan* Baptist Church, one of our island's few remaining pre-war structures, helps ensure we maintain a connection with our island's past. Under the care of the Guam Preservation Trust, the *Inalåhan* Mayor, and the *Inalåhan* Municipal Planning Council, the *Inalåhan* Baptist Church can be restored for future generations to experience, study, and appreciate.

For these reasons, I am signing Bill No. 97-37 (COR) into law as *Public Law* 37-45.

*Senseramente,*

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

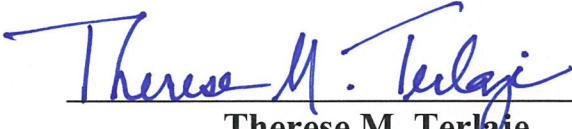


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cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
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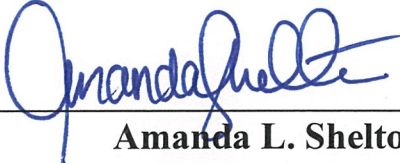
*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

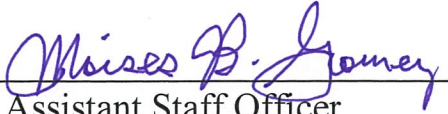
This is to certify that **Bill No. 97-37 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE *INALÅHAN* MAYOR AND *INALÅHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR LOT NO. 106-1, BLOCK 12, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *INALÅHAN*, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE *INALÅHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE *INALÅHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH,” was on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2023, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, at 11:33 o'clock AM.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's* Office

APPROVED:

  
Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 11/10/2023

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 97-37 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on  
Health, Land, Justice, and Culture; and  
further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF  
GUAM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT WITH THE *INALÅHAN* MAYOR AND  
*INALÅHAN* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR  
LOT NO. 106-1, BLOCK 12, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
*INALÅHAN*, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE *INALÅHAN*  
BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR THE PRESERVATION OF  
THE *INALÅHAN* BAPTIST CHURCH.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that *Inalåhan* lies along the southeastern shore of Guam and is the largest of the

1 island's southern villages. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the village of  
2 *Inalåhan* stands as a Spanish-style settlement, noting the area to be known as the  
3 *Inalåhan* Historic District.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the significance of the *Inalåhan* Historic  
5 District from the context of its built environment and village fabric defined by tight  
6 groupings of small-scale buildings and structures, the narrow streetscape, and  
7 architectural themes; and that the *Inalåhan* Historic District represents a unique  
8 revitalization opportunity because it possesses a great potential to promote our island  
9 of Guam as a cultural tourism destination.

10 The *Inalåhan* Baptist Church was built in 1925 for a small congregation of  
11 General Baptist Church parishioners residing in the southern villages of Guam, and  
12 Mr. A.I. Luttrull directed the erection of the church. The significance of the church  
13 structure is its contribution to the architectural vernacular of the Historic District of  
14 *Inalåhan*. The architecture of the church depicts the Spanish-style features of  
15 massive walls and the mamposteria construction method of lime mortar and stone  
16 rubble; and this method of construction is prevalent in *Inalåhan* homes of the period.  
17 The church walls are made of mamposteria and it had a metal roof; and like the  
18 village houses, the one (1)-room church is elevated, no doubt a practical concept  
19 considering its close proximity to the bay; and its last service was held in 1960.

20 The Guam Preservation Trust (GPT) continues to preserve and protect our  
21 island's historic sites, culture, and perspectives for the benefit of the people of Guam  
22 and their future; and through this measure, it is the intent to grant jurisdictional  
23 authority to the government of Guam to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement  
24 with the *Inalåhan* Mayor and the *Inalåhan* Municipal Planning Council as caretaker  
25 of the historic site relating to the *Inalåhan* Baptist Church; and ultimately, a  
26 Memorandum of Agreement with the Guam Preservation Trust ensures GPT's  
27 commitment to their continued efforts to restore, reconstruct, and rehabilitate the

1 Church's front façade structure while still retaining its historical essence and as a  
2 venue for religious and fellowship activities.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to authorize the government of Guam to enter  
4 into a Memorandum of Agreement with the *Inalåhan* Mayor and the *Inalåhan*  
5 Municipal Planning Council for jurisdictional authority over Lot No. 106-1 Block  
6 No. 12 in *Inalåhan*, Guam. The *Inalåhan* Mayor and the *Inalåhan* Municipal  
7 Planning Council shall then enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Guam  
8 Preservation Trust relating to Lot No. 106-1, Block No. 12, formerly known as the  
9 *Inalåhan* Baptist Church, municipality of *Inalåhan*, Guam, for the purpose of  
10 stabilizing and restoring its historical structure that has been a public concern for its  
11 hazardous state that compromises the safety and well-being of the local residents  
12 and the visitors of *Inalåhan* village.

13 **Section 2. Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement.**

14 The government of Guam is authorized to and shall enter into a Memorandum of  
15 Agreement with the *Inalåhan* Mayor and *Inalåhan* Municipal Planning Council for  
16 jurisdictional authority relative to Lot No. 106-1, Block No. 12, Inalåhan, Guam,  
17 Estate No. 86788, Urban, containing an area of 869.29 square meters (REC.), as  
18 shown on Drawing No. 14-84T242, L.M. No. 098- FY 85, prepared by the  
19 Government of Guam, Department of Land Management, Land Survey Division,  
20 dated 04/24/1985, and recorded under Instrument No. 367991, municipality of  
21 *Inalåhan* for the purpose of the stabilization and restoration of the *Inalåhan* Baptist  
22 Church; provided, that the property shall be managed and maintained and insured in  
23 trust for the people of Guam as an historic site according to rules set by the Guam  
24 Preservation Trust for the site.

25 *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby authorizes *I*  
26 *Maga'hågan Guåhan* to transfer the jurisdictional authority with a Memorandum of  
27 Agreement for Lot No. 106-1, municipality of *Inalåhan* to the *Inalåhan* Mayor and

1 the *Inalåhan* Municipal Planning Council. The *Inalåhan* Mayor and the *Inalåhan*  
2 Municipal Planning Council shall then enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with  
3 the Guam Preservation Trust relating to Lot No. 106-1, formerly known as the  
4 *Inalåhan* Baptist Church, municipality of *Inalåhan*, Guam, for the purpose of  
5 stabilizing and restoring its historical structure.

6 **Section 3. Exemption.** § 2107 of Chapter 2, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated,  
7 and Section 6.049(c)(1) of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden*  
8 *Areklamento*, relative to the appraisals of land, shall not apply to this Act.

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

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