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Bill No. 304-38 (COR)

Introduced by: Therese M. Terlaje TMT

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO UTILIZE THE CHANCERY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that for years the current office space utilized by the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA) was overcrowded, lacks adequate storage capacity, and is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), thereby limiting its ability to effectively serve Guam's veteran population.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that in January 2020, upon the purchase of the Hessler Building (the old Guam Legislature Building), for $1.5 million dollars, the Governor's Cabinet had announced it would be used for GOVA. Over six years later this promise was never kept.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that in November of 2024 the Government of Guam bought the 2.47 acre chancery property from the Archdiocese of Agana for approximately $2.3 million (Marianas Business Journal).

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that public announcements by the current Acting Governor Joshua Tenorio in November 2025, indicated that the Chancery would be used to house GOVA.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that the Chancery property is suitable to provide adequate space and improved accessibility for GOVA operations and for the delivery of services to veterans.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to designate and codify the use of the Chancery property for the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs in order to ensure its timely and appropriate utilization for the benefit of Guam's veterans.

Section 2. Authorization of the Chancery Property in Agana Heights. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Lot Number 3200B-REM-NEW, located in the municipality of Sinajana (Agana Heights area) containing an area of 10,000 ± square meters (107,646 ± square feet), as described in Consolidation Survey Map Drawing Number I4-95T593 (L.M. Check Number 275 FY 95) and recorded under Instrument No. 528568 at the Department of Land Management is hereby designated for use by the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA) as its primary office and service facility. GOVA may authorize use of the facility by veterans' organizations, the Guam Veterans Commission, and for other government agency outreach.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.