











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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that Guam Veterans Cemetery has been plagued with numerous problems and
4 setbacks that include: the lack of regular maintenance and grounds upkeep, poorly
5 designed and crumbling mausoleum walls and columbaria and a lack of plans to
6 acquire additional land to expand the cemetery's footprint.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that Guam Veterans Cemetery, is among
8 the more than 120 state funded (grant-funded) cemeteries in the United States, that
9 the Government of Guam has failed to both secure sufficient federal funds and
10 commit to local funding to keep up with the commitment that our community has
11 made to honor those who gave or risked their lives in defense of our nation. Some

1 veterans' organizations have estimated that the Guam Veterans Cemetery may have
2 as little as three years before it runs out of burial space. These organizations and
3 veterans' advocates maintain that there can be no further delays in funding repairs,
4 replacement of dilapidated structures and expansion of the cemetery's grounds.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that although leaders have announced
6 or have taken credit for securing federal grant funding (as high as \$10M), no such funding
7 has yet to materialize for any capital improvements or expansion of the cemetery
8 grounds.

9 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to end excuses and the blame game
10 by making a commitment to fund the capital improvements and land acquisition
11 necessary to repair the dilapidated structures within and to expand the footprint of
12 the Guam Veterans Cemetery. It is also the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to commit
13 to continual funding of these efforts until every veteran can be assured of an
14 honorable and dignified final resting place.

15 **Section 2.** A new § 67114 is *added* to Chapter 67 of Title 10 Guam Code
16 Annotated to read as follows:

17 **"§ 67114. Guam Veterans Cemetery Renovation and Expansion Fund.**

18 (a) There is hereby created the *Guam Veterans Cemetery Renovation*
19 *and Expansion Fund* (the Fund). Expenditures from the fund are subject to
20 legislative appropriation and are limited to repairs of structures within the
21 cemetery and expansion of its grounds.

22 (b) The Guam Office of Veterans Affairs shall include in its annual
23 budget, an appropriation request of not less than One Million Dollars
24 (\$1,000,000.00) annually. The appropriation requests shall continue for not
25 less than ten (10) years following the enactment of this Section.

26 (c) In the event that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* opts to not fund or
27 diminishes the appropriation requested in paragraph (b) of this section *supra*,

1 the Office of Finance and Budget shall publish a statement on its website
2 explaining the reasons for its actions.

3 (d) The fund is subject to annual audits by the Office of Public
4 Accountability."