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Bill No. 323-38 (LS)

Introduced by: Tina Rose Muña-Barnes

AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 77302 OF CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Guam Preservation Trust was established pursuant to Public Law 20-151 to preserve and protect the historic, cultural, and architectural heritage of Guam for the benefit of present and future generations. Over the past three decades, the Guam Preservation Trust has evolved into a respected public nonprofit organization that has successfully advanced historic preservation efforts throughout Guam through grantmaking, community partnerships, advocacy, and the rehabilitation of historic properties.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that current law under § 77302 of Chapter 77, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, provides that the Guam Historic Preservation Officer shall serve as "Executive Director for the Guam Preservation Trust Fund." However, subsequent statutory developments and long-standing operational practice have vested the management and administration of the Guam Preservation Trust in

its Board of Directors and professional staff. The Guam Historic Preservation Officer has not exercised executive authority over the day-to-day operations of the Guam Preservation Trust, and the Trust has historically operated independently through personnel hired pursuant to the authority of its Board.

It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend § 77302 of Chapter 77, Title 21, Guam Code Annotated, by removing outdated language requiring the Guam Historic Preservation Officer to serve as Executive Director for the Guam Preservation Trust Fund. This amendment is intended to clarify the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Guam Historic Preservation Officer and the Guam Preservation Trust, reflect the longstanding operational structure of the Trust, strengthen institutional independence, and promote a more collaborative working relationship between the respective entities in furtherance of Guam's historic preservation mission.

Section 2. § 77302 of Chapter 77, Title 21 Guam Code Annotated, is amended to read:

"**§ 77302. Guam Historic Preservation Officer.**

The position of Guam Historic Preservation Officer is hereby created in the classified service under the Department of Parks and Recreation (the "Department"), the holder of which position shall be the State Historic Preservation Officer for federal purposes. The Director of Parks and Recreation (the "Director") shall select a qualified candidate to fill the position based on training, work experience and education pertinent to cultural resources management. The Guam Historic Preservation Officer shall be under the supervision of the Director and shall be the head of the Historical Resources Division of the Department~~ and Executive Director for the Guam Preservation Trust Fund~~."

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon enactment.