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384-38 (LS)	Committee on Child Welfare, Youth Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women's Affairs, Disability Services, the Arts, Culture, Historic Preservation and Hagåtña Restoration by request of I Kongressun Manhoben Guåhan , the Guam Youth Congress, in accordance with 2 GCA § 7102	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 77135 TO CHAPTER 77, TITLE 21, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO ESTABLISH THE "ADOPT-A-VILLAGE PARK PARTNERSHIP ACT," ENABLING MAYORS, THE GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS, STUDENT GROUPS, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ADOPT AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC PARKS WITH ANNUAL GRANTS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AND TOURISM ENHANCEMENT.	10/15/26 2:30 p.m.						

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Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan*

Guåhan finds that many of Guam's village parks and recreational spaces lack steady maintenance, beautification, and community-driven improvements due to limited municipal resources. Public parks play a vital role in supporting family recreation, youth activities, cultural gatherings, environmental health, and tourism. Clean and vibrant parks strengthen island pride and offer safe spaces for youth and community interaction.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that empowering village

1 mayors, Youth Congress delegations, student organizations, and non-governmental
2 organizations (NGOs) to participate in park maintenance will increase community
3 ownership and ensure that each village park receives consistent care. Youth
4 involvement fosters civic responsibility, environmental stewardship, and leadership
5 skills, while NGO participation brings additional manpower and specialized
6 expertise.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that establishing the “Adopt-
8 a-Village Park Partnership Act” will create a formal, legally recognized program
9 allowing multiple organizations to adopt and maintain local parks. Annual grants
10 will support cost-effective improvements, beautification, landscaping, and small
11 repairs. This Act aims to strengthen Guam’s tourism appeal, preserve community
12 spaces, and promote unified collaboration among elected mayors, youth leaders,
13 and civil society organizations.

14 **Section 2.** A new § 77135 is hereby added to Chapter 77, Title 21, Guam
15 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

16 **“§ 77135. Adopt-A-Village Park Partnership Program.**

17 (a) The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), in cooperation with
18 the Mayors’ Council of Guam, shall administer the Adopt-A-Village Park
19 Partnership Program to allow community organizations to adopt parks for
20 beautification and maintenance.

21 (b) Eligible partner organizations include:

22 (1) Village mayors and their municipal teams;

23 (2) The Guam Youth Congress and its delegations;

24 (3) Public, private, and charter school student organizations;

25 (4) Registered non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and/or

26 (5) Certified community-based environmental or cultural groups

27 (c) Duties of partner organizations include, but are not limited to

28 (1) General cleaning, trash removal, and routine upkeep;

- 1 (2) Landscaping, planting, lawn care, tree maintenance, and painting;
2 (3) Supporting cultural preservation or village beautification projects;
3 and
4 (4) Reporting safety hazards, vandalism, or major structural issues to
5 DPR.

6 (d) Hosting community-friendly events and youth activities when
7 appropriate. Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) per adopted
8 park per year shall be appropriated from the Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF)
9 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of awarding
10 grants to eligible organizations for tools and equipment, paint, landscaping
11 supplies and plants, minor repairs and beautification materials, signage,
12 benches, and other small improvement projects. The amount appropriated
13 under this Act shall not be subject to the transfer authority of I
14 Maga'låhen/Maga'hågan Guåhan and shall not be reprogrammed for any
15 other purpose.

16 (e) Recognitions and Coordination

17 (1) DPR and the Mayors' Council shall publicly recognize
18 participating youth and organizations through certificates, plaques,
19 community acknowledgments, and annual award ceremonies.

20 (2) A single park may be adopted by multiple organizations, but
21 DPR shall coordinate schedules and responsibilities to avoid conflicts
22 or duplication."

23 **Section 3. Administration.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
24 DPR shall oversee the implementation of this Act, maintain records of adopted
25 parks, evaluate project outcomes, and issue annual reports to *I Liheslaturan*
26 *Guåhan* and *I Kongressun Manhoben Guåhan* on a quarterly basis until all funds
27 are expended. All grant funds for this program may not be transferred for any other
28 purpose.

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

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