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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings & intent.**

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that investing in roads is investing in the safety,
4 development, and resilience of the island's economy. Poorly maintained roads
5 increase the risks of accidents caused by potholes, uneven surfaces, and inadequate
6 signage, which can jeopardize the well-being of Guam drivers, pedestrians, and
7 civilians alike. With proper resurfacing and repairs to the roads, we can reduce
8 driving hazards, enhance visibility, and ensure that emergency vehicles and first
9 responders can efficiently respond to incidents.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that beyond safety, well-maintained
2 roads contribute to the overall quality of life within neighborhoods, homes, and
3 villages. Fixed roads improve property values, encourage economic development,
4 and foster pride and connectivity among residents in the island community.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that in 2009, the Department of Public
6 Works (DPW) sought to eliminate hazards and promote public safety and resilience
7 by providing a comprehensive assessment of roadway improvements needed at the
8 village level and offered a methodology for prioritizing projects to make the best use
9 of available funding in the 2009 Village Streets Master Plan (VSMP), which
10 identified \$746 million worth of road repairs.

11 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the VSMP also explored alternative
12 funding sources and briefly discussed funding possibilities, which included
13 leveraging Liquid Fuel Tax revenue to repay bonds or a federal line of credit that
14 would be used specifically for road repairs.

15 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that due to the lack of progress on
16 projects identified in the 2009 VSMP, *I Liheslatura* began setting aside funds
17 through the annual Government of Guam Budget Act. *I Liheslatura* appropriated
18 \$1,854,435 in Fiscal Year 2018, \$2,980,703 in Fiscal Year 2019, \$2,780,703 in
19 Fiscal Year 2020, \$2,780,703 in Fiscal Year 2021, \$2,250,000 in Fiscal Year 2022,
20 \$2,250,000 in Fiscal Year 2023, \$1,500,000 in Fiscal Year 2024, and \$2,000,000 in
21 Fiscal Year 2025. *I Liheslatura* also increased the Liquid Fuel Tax rate in 2017 to
22 provide additional funding for road repairs pursuant to the 2009 VSMP.

23 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to prioritize public safety and
24 preserve the integrity of Guam's public roadways by designating \$10,000,000 from
25 the unappropriated General Fund Balance, as of the end of Fiscal Year 2025, to the
26 Department of Public Works for village streets and roads resurfacing and repairs.

1 **Section 2. Appropriation to the Department of Public Works.** Up to the
2 sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) is appropriated from the unappropriated
3 General Fund Balance, as of the end of Fiscal Year 2025, to the Department of
4 Public Works for village streets and roads resurfacing and repairs. Notwithstanding
5 any other provision of law, the appropriation contained in this Act shall not lapse
6 and shall continue to be available to the Department of Public Works for the
7 purposes described herein until fully expended.

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

13 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.