I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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1 (12-S)	Committee on Rules by request of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* , the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUND BALANCE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS ($15,000,000) TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI.	10/16/26 2:36 p.m.						
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October 17, 2026

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., *Speaker*
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 1 (12-S), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUND BALANCE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS ($15,000,000) TO I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

Today, I sign Bill No. 1 (12-S) into law as Public Law No. 38-145. This measure appropriates Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000) from the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund balance for emergency preparedness, response, relief, mitigation, and recovery associated with Champi, which has strengthened into a typhoon and is forecast to intensify to Category 3 before passing near Guam on October 18, 2026. I thank the Legislature for acting promptly on the legislation I transmitted on October 16 and for approving the additional funding requested. As Guam prepares for the storm, this funding will provide our agencies with the resources they need to protect lives, maintain essential services, and respond to damage.

Yesterday, I signed Bill No. 371-38 (LS) into law as Public Law No. 38-144, appropriating $12 million for mayoral offices, emergency shelters, agricultural assistance, and other emergency needs. Those designated allocations, while important, left limited funding for critical government response and recovery operations. This supplemental appropriation addresses that funding gap and provides the flexibility to deploy personnel, equipment, and supplies where they are needed.

These funds will support debris removal, emergency repairs, restoration of critical infrastructure, and other response and recovery efforts. Our experience responding to numerous typhoons in

recent years, including Supertyphoons Sinlaku and Bavi this year, has shown how important it is to deploy these resources promptly.

Our immediate responsibility is to protect our people and ensure that help reaches our communities quickly. This law gives our government additional resources to carry out that responsibility.

Senseramente,

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 1 (12-S) nka P.L. 38-145
cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 1 (12-S), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUND BALANCE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS ($15,000,000) TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI,"** was on the 16th day of October 2026, duly and regularly passed.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 16th day of October, 2026, at 5:15 o'clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10/17/2026

Public Law No. 38-145

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (TWELFTH) Special Session

Bill No. 1 (12-S)

Introduced by: Committee on Rules
by request of *I Maga'hågan Guåhan,* the Governor of Guam, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FROM FISCAL YEAR 2026 GENERAL FUND BALANCE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS ($15,000,000) TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL STORM CHAMPI.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that Guam faces an imminent threat from Tropical Storm Champi, which is forecast to intensify into a typhoon and pass very near or directly over Guam on Sunday, October 18, 2026. The approaching storm poses a significant threat to public health and safety, homes and businesses, public infrastructure, and essential government services. Damaging winds, torrential rainfall, flooding, and dangerous coastal conditions could result in widespread damage and disruptions requiring extensive emergency response and recovery operations.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan further finds that on October 15, 2026, the Legislature passed Bill No. 371-38 (LS), to appropriate Twelve Million Dollars ($12,000,000) from the Rainy Day Fund for emergency preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery. While this appropriation provides critical initial funding, a substantial

portion is specifically designated for mayoral offices, emergency shelters, and agricultural assistance, leaving limited resources available for broader government-wide emergency response and recovery operations.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes that the potential severity of Typhoon Champi requires sufficient financial resources and flexibility to mobilize emergency personnel, equipment, and supplies; maintain essential public services; undertake debris removal and emergency repairs; and restore critical infrastructure. Additional funding is necessary to ensure that the government of Guam can respond promptly and effectively to the storm and its aftermath.

Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate Fifteen Million Dollars ($15,000,000) in additional funding to supplement the funding provided under Bill No. 371-38 (LS) and support the government of Guam's emergency preparedness, response, relief, mitigation, and recovery efforts associated with Tropical Storm Champi, including its potential intensification into a typhoon.

Section 2. Appropriation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Fifteen Million Dollars (**$15,000,000**) is hereby appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund balance to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* for emergency preparedness, response, relief, mitigation, and recovery associated with Tropical Storm Champi. *I Maga'håga* shall provide a written report of all expenditures under this Section to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Public Auditor within sixty (60) days of initial disbursement and every thirty (30) days thereafter.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

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