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October 17, 2025

THE HON. FRANK BLAS, JR., Speaker
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38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
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Re: Bill No. 177-38 (LS), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1042 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING DECEMBER 10 AS 'INSULAR FORCE GUARD AND GUAM COMBAT PATROL MEMORIAL DAY'."

Håfa Adai Mr. Speaker,

The story of Guam's courage during the Second World War is one of extraordinary resolve, sacrifice, and loyalty. Among the earliest defenders of our island were the members of the Guam Insular Force Guard, Chamorro men who volunteered to serve under the United States Navy long before the war began. With limited training and inadequate weaponry, they faced the full might of the invading imperial Japanese forces on December 10, 1941, standing their ground in *Hagåtña* and throughout the island to protect their families and our island.

Years later, as the tide of war turned, thirty Chamorro volunteers formed the Guam Combat Patrol, risking their lives to locate and neutralize stragglers hidden in Guam's jungles. Many of these men carried lifelong scars from war and captivity, yet their devotion to our island and our community never wavered.

This measure ensures that their valor, hardship, and heroism will never be forgotten. It designates December 10 of each year as Insular Force Guard and Guam Combat Patrol Memorial Day, honoring the memory of those who fought and fell so that future generations might live free. It is a day to teach our youth that courage is not born of power, but of purpose, and that Guam's freedom was earned through the unyielding spirit of its people.

Through this commemoration, we preserve their legacy as part of our island's living history, a legacy of service, patriotism, and the enduring bond between our island and the United States.

To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Governor of Guam*
Date: October 17, 2025
Re: Bill No. 177-38 (LS)

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For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 177-38 (LS) into law as ***Public Law No. 38-73.***

Senseramente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Ákto Maga'låhen Guåhan

Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 177-38 (LS) nka P.L. 38-73

cc via email: The *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws



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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 177-38 (LS)**, “**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 1042 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING DECEMBER 10 AS ‘INSULAR FORCE GUARD AND GUAM COMBAT PATROL MEMORIAL DAY’**,” was on the 3rd day of October 2025, duly and regularly passed.



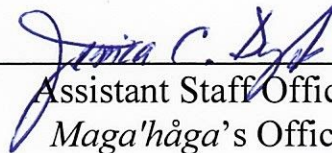
Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Attested:



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this TH day of October, 2025, at 4:40 o'clock P.M.



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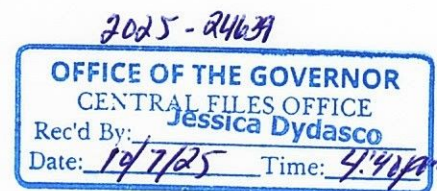
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Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 10/17/25

Public Law No. 38-73



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Bill No. 177-38 (LS)

As amended by the Committee on Finance
and Government Operations; and further amended on the Floor.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 1042 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING DECEMBER 10 AS “INSULAR FORCE GUARD AND GUAM COMBAT PATROL MEMORIAL DAY”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that on December 10, 1941, just hours after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the island of Guam was invaded by the armed forces of Imperial Japan. At the time, Guam was defended by a small and under-equipped U.S. naval force, supplemented

1 by the Guam Insular Force Guard – a local military unit made up primarily of
2 indigenous Chamorro men, who had volunteered to serve under the United States
3 Navy. The Insular Guard was formed in the early 1900s, and was, by design,
4 intended to assist with local security, infrastructure, and logistical needs. However,
5 when war arrived at Guam’s shores, these men took up arms as front-line defenders
6 of the island.

7 Despite having minimal training, limited access to modern weaponry, and
8 facing overwhelming odds against a superior invading force, the members of the
9 Insular Force Guard displayed extraordinary courage and commitment to duty. On
10 the morning of December 10, 1941, as Japanese troops stormed the island, the
11 Insular Guardsmen took defensive positions in and around Hagåtña, particularly at
12 Plaza de España. Their resistance, although brief, was fierce and symbolic of
13 Guam’s defiance. During the ensuing battle, several Insular Guardsmen were killed
14 in action, while others were wounded or captured. Their efforts delayed the Japanese
15 forces and allowed for the evacuation of some civilians and personnel; a heroic act
16 whose legacy still resonates today.

17 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that these Chamorro defenders were among the
18 first indigenous Pacific Islanders to fight in World War II, and they did so with valor,
19 despite the inequalities of their time, including second-class status within the
20 military structure. Following the surrender of Guam to Japanese forces, many of
21 these same men endured occupation, interrogation, imprisonment, and forced labor.
22 Their service and suffering were not fully recognized for decades.

23 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that it was not until December 10, 1991
24 – fifty years after the invasion, that a formal public monument was erected at Plaza
25 de Espana to honor the Guam Insular Force Guard and their ultimate sacrifice. While
26 this recognition was long overdue, more must be done to ensure that their bravery

1 and patriotism are remembered by future generations of Guamanians and
2 Americans.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that the Guam Combat Patrol, formed in
4 November of 1944, scouted out hundreds of Japanese stragglers hiding in Guam's
5 jungles after World War II. Consisting of 30 indigenous Chamorro men (list
6 attached), the Guam Combat Patrol volunteered to comb the jungle areas, kill
7 Japanese holdouts, and destroy hideouts and locations. The Patrol's mission was
8 considered one of the most dangerous military combat duties in Guam after the
9 invasion, as this force killed more than one hundred seventeen (117) Japanese
10 stragglers.

11 It is therefore the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to recognize December 10
12 of each year as Insular Force Guard and Guam Combat Patrol Memorial Day, a day
13 to commemorate the heroism of these local soldiers, to educate the public about
14 Guam's early involvement in World War II, and to preserve the historical memory
15 of those who gave their lives in defense of our island. Although Guam was liberated
16 by the American forces on July 21, 1944.

17 **Section 2. Establishment of Insular Force Guard and Guam Combat**
18 **Patrol Memorial Day.** A new § 1042 is *added* to Chapter 10, Title 1, Guam Code
19 Annotated to read:

20 **“§ 1042. Insular Force Guard and Guam Combat Patrol**
21 **Memorial Day.**

22 December 10 of each year is officially declared as Insular Force Guard
23 and Guam Combat Patrol Memorial Day in commemoration of the two
24 hundred and forty- six men who were recruited into the force on the eve of the
25 invasion by Japanese forces. *I Maga'håga/Maga'låhi* shall issue a
26 proclamation annually calling upon the people of Guam to observe Insular
27 Force Guard and Guam Combat Patrol Memorial Day. *I*

1 *Maga'håga/Maga'låhi* shall appoint an Insular Force Guard and Guam
2 Combat Patrol Memorial Day Committee to plan and make appropriate
3 arrangements for the observance of this day. The Committee may consist of
4 representatives of the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, the Judicial
5 Branch, various departments and agencies, the descendants of Insular Force
6 Guards and Guam Combat Patrol personnel, and other interested individuals.”



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