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**HAND-DELIVERED**

February 17, 2020

**HONORABLE TELENA CRUZ NELSON**

Acting Speaker

*I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

35<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

Suite 202A Ada Plaza Center

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Re: Bill No. 210-35 (COR) – *An Act to Appropriate Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) from the Hospital Capital Improvement Fund to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority for Capital Improvement Projects***

Dear Acting Speaker:

I have always believed that it is better to light a candle than curse the darkness. Therefore, while I cannot **execute** the provision I am allowing to lapse into law; I do share the legislature's desire to fix these problems now. Because I also recognize that \$10 million is insufficient to meet the priorities outlined here, I have asked GEDA to immediately consider financing options to accomplish the intent of this measure.

To that end, I hope that we can work together to give GMHA the help it needs. No one wants GMHA to wait 1 day longer than necessary and we all want to help our hospital the right way.

I am returning Bill No. 210-35 (COR) without my signature, it is now **Public Law No. 35-73**.

*Senseremente,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero".

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 210-35 (COR) *nka Public Law No. 35-73*

cc via email: *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*  
Compiler of Laws

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN***


This is to certify that **Bill No. 210-35 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000) FROM THE HOSPITAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS,” was on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, duly and regularly passed.

  
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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
**Speaker**

Attested:

  
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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb.,  
2020, at 4:19 o'clock P.M.

  
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**Assistant Staff Officer**  
***Maga'håga's Office***

APPROVED:

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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
***I Maga'hågan Guåhan***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. 35-73

***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2019 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 210-35 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje  
Joe S. San Agustin  
James C. Moylan  
Amanda L. Shelton  
Telo T. Taitague  
Clynton E. Ridgell  
Jose "Pedo" Terlaje  
Telena Cruz Nelson  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
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William M. Castro  
Régine Biscoe Lee  
Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD  
Louise B. Muña  
Mary Camacho Torres

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE TEN MILLION DOLLARS  
(\$10,000,000) FROM THE HOSPITAL CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE GUAM MEMORIAL  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY FOR CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority has three (3) critical capital  
4 improvement projects necessary to the function of the hospital in its entirety. *I*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that these capital improvement projects are  
6 mandates raised by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

1           Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to appropriate funds from  
2 the Hospital Capital Improvement Fund established in Section 5 of Part I, Chapter  
3 III, Public Law 35-36 (the *General Appropriations Act of 2020*) to the Guam  
4 Memorial Hospital Authority for capital improvement projects.

5           **Section 2. Appropriation.** Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) from the  
6 Hospital Capital Improvement Fund is hereby appropriated to the Guam Memorial  
7 Hospital Authority (GMHA). Such funds *shall* be used for the following capital  
8 improvement projects for GMHA: (1) to repair or replace the electrical panel and  
9 necessary generator; (2) to repair the roof; and (3) to procure an electronic health  
10 records system.