



GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION

Kumisión i Ginihan Areklamenton Guåhan

RESOLUTION No. 2024 – 004

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RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Guam Ethics Commission was established in Chapter 15, Title 4 Guam Code Annotated, primarily to adjudicate complaints filed against elected officers, appointed officers, and public employees of the Government of Guam for violating the Ethical Code of Conduct; and

WHEREAS, in May 2021, members of the Guam Legislature heard and debated Bill 85-36, relative to affirming the independence and autonomy of the Guam Ethics Commission. The bill passed unanimously by the body and was later enacted as Public Law 36-28 by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Ethics Commission is a vital government agency responsible for upholding ethical standards and promoting good governance in our island community; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Ethics Commission plays a crucial role in maintaining public trust by enforcing ethical standards for elected officials along with all persons employed by the government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Ethics Commission has demonstrated its commitment to fulfilling its duties by providing timely and effective guidance on ethical issues and enforcing penalties for violations of the Ethics Code; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on July 25, 2024, the Commission found that it desired to request additional support beyond the current level of funding, strategically pursuing advancements in key areas such as the adjudication of ethical complaints against public officials, the conduct of ethics training for government officials, and an increased awareness on the ethical code of conduct across the government on behalf of the public; and

WHEREAS, the budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 will empower the Commission to enhance the online Ethics in Government Program, allocate resources for promoting the Guam ethics code throughout the government, and establish a conflict counsel to assist the Commission in resolving complaints when both the legal and prosecutorial counsels face conflicts.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Commission affirms through a vote of four (4) or more members, its adoption of the amended Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request in the amount of \$614,471 to meet its statutory duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Commission directs its Executive Director to transmit on its behalf this resolution and all requested budgetary forms detailing this request to the Honorable Joe S. San Agustin, Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and General Government Operations *I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chairperson of the Guam Ethics Commission certify and attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of same be transmitted to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*, the Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *I Sigundu Na Maga'Låhen Guåhan*, the Honorable Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker *I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and the Honorable Joe S. San Agustin, Senator and Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and General Government Operations *I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION THIS 25TH DAY OF JULY 2024

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