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Honorable Therese M. Terlaje  
Acting Speaker  
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Dear Madam Speaker,

Time is of the essence in our effort to avail of a financial solution that will pay all error-free refunds by the end of May, and that will ensure refunds are paid immediately upon processing in the upcoming years.

This solution requires the Legislature's permission, which I hoped to get during the session called by the Speaker to begin April 24. In good faith and with every intention of following a transparent and open legislative process, to include a public hearing, I submitted legislation permitting this financial solution on April 7, 2017. Unfortunately, a processing error by the Committee on Rules delayed that committee's introduction of my bill until just yesterday, April 11.

Having calculated the number of days required to notice a public hearing, and the logistics and time needed for a bill to go through the legislative process, it was critical for this legislation, Bill No. 73 to be referred by the Rules Chairman to the appropriate standing committee today. This is not to mention, based on the time needed to take each step toward placement of Bill No. 73 on the April 24 session agenda, that the chairperson of such standing committee would have needed to schedule a public hearing for April 20 by today and have published a notice of such hearing no later than tomorrow. That is the last possible day a hearing could be held in order to report my bill out of committee in time for the assumed April 21 meeting of the Rules Committee to adopt the session agenda. **(I learned as I drafted this letter that the Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for April 18, clearly removing any possibility of Bill No. 73 reaching the April 24 session floor via the legislative process)**

In consideration of the need to pass this measure by the end of April and the now-hopeless chance of traversing Bill No. 73 through the legislative process, I don't have a choice but to exercise my Organic authority, which overcomes the normal process, and present an identical bill (attached) for the consideration of senators before a special session of the Legislature.

This letter serves to notify you that, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, I hereby call a special session of *I Mina' Trentai Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan* to commence at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Legislative Session Hall. Per 2



GCA §1104, this session shall be designated "Thirty-Fourth Guam Legislature, First Special Session."

I assure you and the senators this was an option of last resort. I sincerely hope the senators and their families are not inconvenienced by this call, and that this advanced notice helps to smooth any scheduling conflicts that may arise from this call.

I also want you and senators to know that, though a governor's authority to place measures before the Legislature in special session does not require a public process, my office will hold public hearings prior to the session. We will prepare a report of these proceedings and I will present this report to senators for their consideration and deliberation on this measure.

Sincerely,



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