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August 11, 2023

**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker***

37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Re: Bill No. 28-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 18 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING A STANDARDIZED TYPE-FACE FOR ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, AND ELECTRONIC MAIL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM**

*Håfa Adai* Madame Speaker,


Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio and I support implementing policies, such as Bill No. 28-37 (COR), as part of a broader language access strategy that will help persons who need assistance obtain and utilize essential government information and services.

Bill No. 28-37 provides a fundamental and effective way for our government to provide access to public information to persons with cognitive and visual impairments by adopting standardized typefaces for use by the government of Guam on all official documents, reports, and electronic mail beginning on January 1, 2024. The bill requires adoption of typefaces that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), such as Sans Serif, Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri, or Seaford.

Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio and I applaud Senator Roy Quinata for sponsoring legislation that promotes an inclusive government. His efforts support our vision to build a more fair and compassionate Guam that guarantees equal rights and opportunities for persons with disabilities and other historically underserved individuals. We also thank his colleagues in the 37th Guam Legislature for their unanimous support of this measure.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 28-37 (COR) into law as ***Public Law No. 37-35***.

*Senseramente,*

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


Enclosure: Bill No. 28-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-35

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws


*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that **Bill No. 28-37 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 18 OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING A STANDARDIZED TYPE-FACE FOR ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, AND ELECTRONIC MAIL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM," was on the 28th day of July 2023, duly and regularly passed.

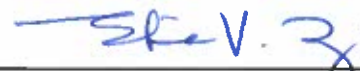
  
**Therese M. Terlaje**  
Speaker

Attested:


  
**Amanda L. Shelton**  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 31st day of July,  
2023, at 1:09 o'clock P.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'håga's Office*

APPROVED:

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

Date: 8/11/2023

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**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 28-37 (COR)**

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

Introduced by:

Roy A. B. Quinata  
William A. Parkinson  
Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas  
Thomas J. Fisher  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
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**AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 18  
OF TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE  
TO ADOPTING A STANDARDIZED TYPE-FACE FOR  
ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, AND  
ELECTRONIC MAIL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
GUAM.**

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

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** The government of Guam has  
3        an obligation to ensure that all members of the community can access and understand

1 their documents, reports, and communications. This includes persons with  
2 disabilities such as those with cognitive or visual impairments; and to make sure this  
3 happens, it is important for the government of Guam to adopt accessible font types  
4 in all its official documents, reports, and communications.

5 According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,  
6 one (1) in four (4) persons living on Guam have a disability. Of that figure, sixteen  
7 percent (16%) have either a cognitive or visual impairment; and an accessible font  
8 type makes it easier for people who have difficulty seeing text on a page due to visual  
9 impairment or other disability-related issues. Additionally, fonts designed  
10 specifically for accessibility often have wider character spacing so they look less  
11 crowded which helps increase legibility even further. Using these kinds of fonts not  
12 only improves the ability of persons with disabilities on Guam to access and  
13 understand their documents, it also sends a message that the government of Guam is  
14 serious about creating an inclusive environment; and this will ensure our disabled  
15 citizens are given the same access to information available to everyone else.

16 **Section 2.** A new Article 3 is hereby *added* to Chapter 18 of Title 1, Guam  
17 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

18 **“ARTICLE 3**

19 **STANDARDIZED TYPE-FACE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM**

20 § 1830. Adoption of Standardized Typeface for the Government of  
21 Guam.

22 **§ 1830. Adoption of Standardized Typeface for the Government of**  
23 **Guam.**

24 The government of Guam shall adopt a standardized typeface for use on all  
25 official documents, reports, and electronic mail generated after enactment of this  
26 Act. Each entity shall utilize typeface that is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
27 compliant such as Sans Serif, Times New Roman, Arial, Calibri, Seaford, or other.”

**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 applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective on January 1, 2024.