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Governor Signs Bill 29 into Law

Hagåtña, Guam – This summer's celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Guam's Liberation could include games of chance through Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's signing of Bill 29-35 today, permitting the Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG) to draft rules and regulations for the Guam Legislature's review and approval.

Under the new law, games of chance will only be permitted during carnival hours and until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and any night before a federal or GovGuam holiday. However, the MCOG will first need submit proposed rules and regulations to the Guam Legislature within 60 days for review and approval.

The intent of the law is to provide a funding source to the Mayors' Council which will pay for the Liberation Parade, the Carnival, and most other activities hosted by the Mayors to celebrate and commemorate Guam's annual Liberation activities.

"Liberation Day is our island's most celebrated and commemorated annual event. It is a time when we remember a painful period in our history and the generation who endured enemy occupation. We celebrate their survival and the U.S. forces who freed them and Guam. The Mayors Council hosts the majority of all these activities and their traditional source of funding was proceeds from games of chance. I have asked the Department of Revenue and Taxation to take the lead in assisting Mayors in drafting rules and regulations and I'm hopeful that the Legislature will take action to ensure that the Diamond Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam is our grandest celebration," said Governor Leon Guerrero.

"I am really excited about this year's 75th Liberation Anniversary. Our planning activities began shortly after taking office and I am grateful for all the support from the Mayors and stakeholders. I have a lot of optimism and hope that the recently signed law will be acted on swiftly by our Mayors so that rules can be submitted to and approved by the Legislature as early as possible." added Lt. Governor Tenorio.

Bill 29-35 is now Public Law 35-4.

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