

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson
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Resolution No. 2024-07

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SEEK GOVERNOR LOU LEON GUERRERO AND THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE'S APPROVAL FOR THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO COMMERCIAL PORT TO SEEK BOND BORROWING FOR PURPOSES OF ADDRESSING THE PORT'S MUCH NEEDED STRATEGIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN ORDER TO ADVANCE ITS PORT READINESS, MILITARY READINESS, AND NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM:

WHEREAS, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port (the "Port") is critical to Guam's economy, serving as the primary gateway for goods entering and leaving the island; and

WHEREAS, the Port's infrastructure requires significant strategic capital improvements to enhance its operational efficiency, capacity, and overall readiness to meet current and future demands, including military readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Port plays a pivotal role in securing and advancing national security and national defense, serving as a key logistics hub for military operations in the region; and

WHEREAS, such improvements are essential for ensuring the Port's ability to support economic growth, facilitate trade, and maintain its competitive position in the region; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Revenue Bond issued by the Port has experienced a remarkable turnaround, moving from a negative to a positive outlook, demonstrating strong financial stewardship and effective management; and

WHEREAS, the Port has shown positive growth in its net position, reflecting its improved financial health and capacity to undertake further strategic investments; and

WHEREAS, bond borrowing is identified as a viable financial mechanism to secure the necessary funds for these strategic capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognize the need of the General Manager to engage with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, the Guam Economic Development Authority, and members of the 37th Guam Legislature to authorize the Port to seek bond borrowing for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, this resolution initiates the formal process for the Port to seek the necessary approvals and begin the bond borrowing process, as detailed in any proposed legislation titled "AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 12, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, TO APPROVE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ISSUANCE OF JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO COMMERCIAL PORT REVENUE BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port hereby authorizes the General Manager to present to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero to submit any proposed legislation to the 37th Guam Legislature or request Senator Amanda Shelton, Chairperson on Committee on Maritime Transportation to sponsor such legislation for the Port to pursue bond borrowing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bond borrowing will be specifically aimed at addressing the Port's much-needed strategic capital improvements in order to advance its port readiness, military readiness, and national security objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson certify, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 31st DAY OF MAY, 2024.


DOROTHY P. HARRIS

CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM


FE R. VALENCIA-OVALLES

SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

