



March 3, 2026

Re: 5 GCA §23112 Non-Employee Travel Justification Statement

Subj: 2026 Sunshine Island Vibes Festival/ Sister City Signing/ Taipei Lantern Festival - Guam Delegation Trip

Håfa Adai:

Pursuant to 5 GCA §23112, the Guam Visitors Bureau (“the Bureau”) submits this justification statement for travel related to the SIVF/ Sister City Signing/ Taipei Lantern Festival Guam Delegation Trip. From March 4-11 2026, the following individual may travel on behalf of the Bureau to Taiwan to participate in the events and meetings in Taiwan.

Director Michelle Merfalen’s inclusion in this delegation reflects Guam’s commitment to strengthening economic, cultural, and agricultural ties with Taiwan. Taiwan remains one of Guam’s most valued partners in trade, tourism, and community exchange. Her role in this delegation is to galvanize momentum—bringing back insights, relationships, and opportunities that can translate into tangible growth for the market and its stakeholders.

By participating in high-level discussions and networking engagements, Director Merfalen strengthens Guam’s economic diplomacy efforts while reinforcing Guam’s enduring partnership with Taiwan. Her participation is an investment in the future growth, visibility, and resilience of the Taiwan Market and the broader small business community it represents.

<u>TA No.</u>	<u>Traveler</u>	<u>Position</u>
GVB26-039	Michelle Merfalen	GVB Board of Director/ Taiwan Marketing Committee Chairwoman

Should you need additional information, please contact the Guam Visitors Bureau office at (671) 646-5278.

Senseramente,


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