

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
169-36 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson Amanda L. Shelton Therese M. Terlaje Tina Rose Muña Barnes Jose “Pedo” Terlaje Frank Blas Jr. Christopher M. Dueñas Sabina Flores Perez Joe S. San Agustin V. Anthony Ada Clynton E. Ridgell Telo T. Taitague Joanne Brown	Relative to recognizing the observance of National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day; and to commemorating and remembering all those who were imprisoned in times of conflict and those who remain missing.	9/16/21 2:22 p.m.	09/20/21	9/17/21					

Resolution No. 169-36 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the observance of National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day; and to commemorating and remembering all those who were imprisoned in times of conflict and those who remain missing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day began with President Jimmy Carter signing a Proclamation in 1979 to commemorate the thousands of troops who were taken as prisoners of war or were missing in action during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third (3rd) Friday of every September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, every year, a national-level ceremony is held on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, featuring members and high-ranking officials from each branch of U.S. military service; and it is conducted at the Pentagon, on military installations, on ships at sea, and at state capitols, schools, and veterans' facilities all across the globe; and

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day seeks to commemorate those who had endured the mental and physical hardship of being a prisoner of war, and remembrance of the many who remain missing and unrecoverable; and that we will never forget them and their service and sacrifice, and that we stand behind them and those who serve in the interest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, Guam and the United States will observe National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Friday, September 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, also known legally as the National League of POW/MIA Families, was formed in the late 1960s. Their mission is to obtain the release of all prisoners, the full possible accounting of the missing, and the repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who served during the Vietnam War. Since its formation and rise to national attention in the 1970s, the organization's ideals and mission have spread throughout the nation, further extending the demand for accountability and repatriation to those imprisoned and missing in other conflicts; and

WHEREAS, presently, more than eighty-one thousand six hundred (81,600) Americans remain missing from some of the world's major conflicts: seventy-two thousand four hundred (72,400) from World War II; seven thousand five hundred fifty-five (7,555) from the Korean War; one thousand five hundred eighty-four (1,584) from the Vietnam War; one hundred twenty-six (126) from the Cold War; and five (5) from the Gulf Wars. Of the eighty-one thousand six hundred (81,600), seventy-five percent (75%) of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over forty-one thousand (41,000) of the missing are presumed lost at sea; and

WHEREAS, despite our current knowledge of these numbers, there are still many more lives that are unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, through the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) mission of providing the fullest possible accounting for missing personnel to their families and the nation, the United States is making great strides in fulfilling its vision of maximizing the number of missing personnel accounted for while ensuring timely, accurate information is provided to their families, and upholding their core values of compassion, integrity, teamwork, respect, and innovation; and


WHEREAS, as an island community, we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who have suffered and are missing from conflict, as many servicemen during World War II were taken as prisoners of war in the effort to liberate our island from the Japanese occupation; and a total of four hundred eighty-seven (487) individuals were taken as prisoners of war on Guam in December 1941, of which nineteen (19) of them died when they were transported to Japan; and

WHEREAS, were it not for their heroic effort and sacrifices, our island would not be what it is today, and it is through them we can honor and remember them. Today, many of our island's community have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and continue to do so, so that they may protect the nation's interests, take up the mantle of responsibility for those who have served before them, and honor the memory of those who have suffered and sacrificed; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize National Prisoners of War (POW)/ Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day to commemorate and remember all those who were imprisoned in times of conflict and who remain missing; and that they, as well as their suffering and sacrifice, will never be forgotten by the people of Guam; and be it further

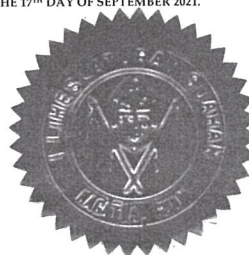
RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major General Esther J.C. Aguigui, Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard and Director, Guam Department of Military Affairs; to Retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant P. Tim Aguon, Director of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'nhågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



For, Perez
9/20/21



THE OFFICE OF SENATOR TELENA CRUZ NELSON

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September 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders, and Media
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson 
Subject: **RESCIND AND REPLACE** Virtual Presentation Notice

Buenas yan Håfa Ådai! Please join us for the virtual presentation of the following:

Resolution No. 169-36 (COR) – Relative to recognizing National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day, and to commemorate and remember all those who were imprisoned in times of conflict and those who remain missing, and to remind ourselves that they shall never be forgotten.

The presentation will take place virtually on ~~Monday, September 20, 2021~~ **Tuesday, September 21, 2021** at ~~11:00 a.m.~~ **2:30 p.m.**

The presentation will be broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117/112.4, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s live feed on YouTube. A recording of the presentation will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the presentation. We look forward to your participation!

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I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 169-36 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the observance of National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA) Recognition Day; and to commemorating and remembering all those who were imprisoned in times of conflict and those who remain missing.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS, National Prisoners of War (POW)/Missing in Action (MIA)**
4 **Recognition Day began with President Jimmy Carter signing a Proclamation in 1979 to**

1 commemorate the thousands of troops who were taken as prisoners of war or were
2 missing in action during the Vietnam War; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual
4 proclamation commemorating the third (3rd) Friday of every September as National
5 POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

6 **WHEREAS**, every year, a national-level ceremony is held on National
7 POW/MIA Recognition Day, featuring members and high-ranking officials from each
8 branch of U.S. military service; and it is conducted at the Pentagon, on military
9 installations, on ships at sea, and at state capitols, schools, and veterans' facilities all
10 across the globe; and

11 **WHEREAS**, National POW/MIA Recognition Day seeks to commemorate those
12 who had endured the mental and physical hardship of being a prisoner of war, and
13 remembrance of the many who remain missing and unrecoverable; and that we will
14 never forget them and their service and sacrifice, and that we stand behind them and
15 those who serve in the interest of the nation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Guam and the United States will observe National POW/MIA
17 Recognition Day on Friday, September 17, 2021; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the National League of Families of American Prisoners and
19 Missing in Southeast Asia, also known legally as the National League of POW/MIA
20 Families, was formed in the late 1960s. Their mission is to obtain the release of all
21 prisoners, the full possible accounting of the missing, and the repatriation of all
22 recoverable remains of those who served during the Vietnam War. Since its formation
23 and rise to national attention in the 1970s, the organization's ideals and mission have
24 spread throughout the nation, further extending the demand for accountability and
25 repatriation to those imprisoned and missing in other conflicts; and

1 **WHEREAS**, presently, more than eighty-one thousand six hundred (81,600)
2 Americans remain missing from some of the world's major conflicts: seventy-two
3 thousand four hundred (72,400) from World War II; seven thousand five hundred fifty-
4 five (7,555) from the Korean War; one thousand five hundred eighty-four (1,584) from
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6 the Gulf Wars. Of the eighty-one thousand six hundred (81,600), seventy-five percent
7 (75%) of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over forty-one thousand (41,000)
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9 **WHEREAS**, despite our current knowledge of these numbers, there are still
10 many more lives that are unaccounted for; and

11 **WHEREAS**, through the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA)
12 mission of providing the fullest possible accounting for missing personnel to their
13 families and the nation, the United States is making great strides in fulfilling its vision
14 of maximizing the number of missing personnel accounted for while ensuring timely,
15 accurate information is provided to their families, and upholding their core values of
16 compassion, integrity, teamwork, respect, and innovation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as an island community, we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who
18 have suffered and are missing from conflict, as many servicemen during World War II
19 were taken as prisoners of war in the effort to liberate our island following the Japanese
20 occupation; and a total of four hundred eighty-seven (487) individuals were taken as
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22 they were transported to Japan; and

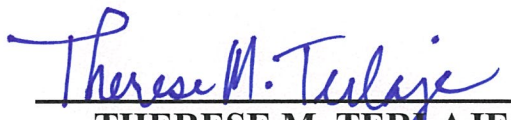
23 **WHEREAS**, were it not for their heroic effort and sacrifices, our island would
24 not be what it is today, and it is through them we can honor and remember them. Today,
25 many of our island's community have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and continue to
26 do so, so that they may protect the nation's interests, take up the mantle of responsibility

1 for those who have served before them, and honor the memory of those who have
2 suffered and sacrificed; now therefore, be it


3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, recognize National Prisoners of War (POW)/ Missing in Action (MIA)
6 Recognition Day to commemorate and remember all those who were imprisoned in
7 times of conflict and who remain missing; and that they, as well as their suffering and
8 sacrifice, will never be forgotten by the people of Guam; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Major General Esther J.C. Aguigui, Adjutant
12 General of the Guam National Guard and Director, Guam Department of Military
13 Affairs; to Retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant P. Tim Aguon, Director of
14 the Guam Veterans Affairs Office; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
15 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

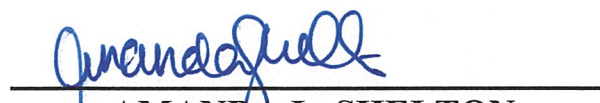
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2021.**



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Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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COMMITTEE ON RULES


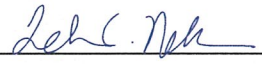
VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/17/21	x		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/17/21	x		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson Member		9/17/21	x		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	E-VOTE	9/17/21	x		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	9/17/21	x		
Senator Jose “Pedro” T. Terlaje Member	E-VOTE	9/17/21	x		
Senator Frank Blas, Jr. Minority Member	E-VOTE	9/17/21	x		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					
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