

**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 |
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| 16-36 (COR)    | Tina Rose Muña Barnes | Relative to supporting the re-nomination of the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Guam. | 2/8/21<br>4:49 p.m. | TBA                  |              |               |             |                     |                             |       |

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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 16-36 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**Relative to supporting the re-nomination of the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Guam.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**  
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:***

3           **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Tydingco-Gatewood is currently serving as the  
4 Chief Judge of the United States District Court of Guam and was appointed by  
5 President George H.W. Bush in 2006, becoming the first Chamorro woman to  
6 achieve this honor; and

7           **WHEREAS**, during her term on the federal bench, the Honorable Frances  
8 Tydingco-Gatewood remained steadfast on many controversial cases that would  
9 directly impact the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Guam and the  
10 nation including the Guam plebiscite ruling; the closure of the Ordot landfill; and  
11 her presiding over the two (2)-decades-long Department of Corrections Stipulated  
12 Order and Consent Decree was crucial to maintaining justice for society's  
13 incarcerated community; and

14           **WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2016, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood  
15 was nominated for a second term by President Barack Obama. The re-nomination

1 was met with local support by the thirty-third (33rd) Guam Legislature as well as the  
2 Thirty-first (31st) Guam Youth Congress; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has served our  
4 island and our nation well during her career. Known for being tough but fair, her  
5 experience on the federal court and her understanding of federal issues is crucial for  
6 maintaining continuity and protecting our island; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in line with the Biden Administration’s plans to strengthen  
8 justice in the United States through the redemption and rehabilitation of incarcerated  
9 individuals, the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood oversaw the establishment  
10 of the Drug Offender Re-Entry Program, or DORE, also called *Prugaman Hinalom*  
11 *Tano*; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Justice Frances Tydingco-Gatewood' s firsthand  
13 experience and work with those affected by the devastation of drugs and violence is  
14 a driving force behind her commitments beyond the bench as a vocal advocate for  
15 policies and programs that seek to strengthen families to better serve our children as  
16 well as to put an end to the international war on human trafficking; and now therefore  
17 be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby,  
19 on behalf of the people of Guam, support the re-nomination of the Honorable  
20 Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of  
21 Guam; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules  
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies  
24 of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood,  
25 Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of Guam; to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San  
26 Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress; to the Honorable Richard Joseph  
27 Durbin, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary; to the Honorable to the

- 1 Honorable Joshua F. Tenorio, *I Segundu Na Maga'lahren Guahan*; to the Honorable
- 2 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*; and to the Honorable Joseph R.
- 3 Biden, Jr., President of the United States of America.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MONTH 2021.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**

**Speaker**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

**Chair, Committee on Rules**

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**

**Legislative Secretary**