




I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution No. 273-36 (LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to requesting *I Maga'hagan Guahan* to increase the income threshold of the *Programan Salappe Ayudan I Taotao* to assist more island residents with the rising costs of fuel at the gasoline pumps.

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

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that due to many factors which are beyond the control of the local government, that gasoline prices have been, and will continue to, escalate to the point where many island residents face fiscal challenges in purchasing adequate fuel for their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in the past two weeks alone a major fuel retailer announced that the costs for their Supreme fuel increased to \$5.789 a gallon, which unfortunately will result in some consistency with the other fuel retailers who will also be forced to increase their prices as well; and

WHEREAS, many island residents are still facing economic challenges associated with this pandemic and the realities with inflation and supply challenges are affecting every family on island, inclusive of those who are working; and

1 **WHEREAS**, fuel plays a vital role in our economy, as residents need to commute
2 for employment, or other needed purposes, inclusive of infusing economic activity
3 while purchasing necessities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, providing some support to residents at the fuel pumps would
5 certainly help infuse additional economic activity into our island, inclusive of assisting
6 with the tax base; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in March of 2021, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue
8 Plan into law, which provided Guam over \$600 million in funds, with the intent of
9 creating programs which would provide some relief to island residents and businesses;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, in November 2021, Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
12 announced that her administration is considering a Fuel Voucher Program, which would
13 provide island residents with some process to utilize at the gas pumps for fuel, and thus
14 would also help infuse millions into Guam's economy; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2022, Governor Leon Guerrero announced that she
16 will be signing an Executive Order to establish the *Prugraman Salappe Ayudan I*
17 *Taotao*, which would create a Fuel Voucher Program for eligible residents who would
18 receive One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for up to three (3) months; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the eligibility of this program would be based on those currently in
20 a certain income threshold where they qualify for certain public assistance programs,
21 and while there are no issues with that, the greater concern is that local relief programs
22 where federal dollars are utilized as a funding source have not been equitably provided
23 for those in the middle or working class income threshold; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the issues with rising gas prices and inflation impacts those in the
25 middle or working class equally as it does all individuals on Guam, and thus it is vital

1 that if a local program is indeed being created to provide some relief at the gas pumps,
2 than its income qualifier be expanded to assist more island residents; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Organic Act of Guam gives the Governor of Guam the sole
4 authority with spending federal dollars, thus while *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* can't legislate
5 any program where federal funds are utilized, as an equal branch of the government, the
6 ability to make an official request does exist through the passage of a substantive
7 legislative resolution; now, therefore be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
10 of Guam request *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* to increase the income threshold of the
11 *Programan Salappe Ayudan I Taotao* to assist more island residents with the rising
12 costs of fuel at the gasoline pumps; and be it further;

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
16 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF 2022.**

THERESE TERLAJE
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
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Please see attached copy JCM Resolution for introduction today, 2/24/22.

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