







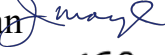





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RESOLUTIONS

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides
4 healthcare services and benefits that include, but are not limited to, treat illnesses and
5 injuries, short-term and long-term care, dental and vision care. The healthcare services

1 and benefits provided by the VA help to prevent future health problems, improve
2 veterans' ability to function, and enhance veterans' qualities of life; and

3 **WHEREAS**, for veterans to be eligible to receive VA healthcare services and
4 benefits, individuals must have served in the active military: Army, Air Force, Coast
5 Guard, Marines, Navy, and Space Force. Other eligibility includes those who have
6 served after September 7, 1980, entered active duty after October 16, 1981, or is a
7 current, or former, member of the Reserves; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Office of Veterans Affairs (GOVA) was first established
9 during the 17th Guam Legislature through the enactment of Public Law 17-25. The
10 GOVA's primary mission is to fulfill President Lincoln's promise "to care for him who
11 shall borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the
12 men and women who are America's veterans. GAVO is responsible for the
13 administration of all local laws representing all veterans of the Armed Forces of the
14 U.S., and to work with the Veterans Administration of the U.S. on all matters relating
15 to local veterans. GOVA continues its efforts to increase veterans' access to benefits
16 and services; and

17 **WHEREAS**, veterans who reside in Guam face challenges in receiving
18 healthcare services due to the geographical distance from the nearest VA Medical
19 Center, in which the nearest VA Medical Center is located in Hawaii that is
20 approximately 3,945 miles away from Guam. Many local veterans lack the necessary
21 financial resources to secure adequate medical care; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on February 25, 2022, the *Elizabeth Dole Home and Community*
23 *Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022* was introduced in the U.S.
24 House of Representatives by California Congresswoman Julia Brownley as H.R. 6823
25 and was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the *Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for*
27 *Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022* seeks to improve the transition of caregivers who

1 are ineligible for, or were discharged from, the Program of Comprehensive Assistance
2 for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) and establish automatic enrollment in the Program of
3 General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the *Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for*
5 *Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022* seeks to require the development of a standardized
6 assessment tool to help assess the needs of the family and recommend specific home
7 and community-based services, and create a digital hub for caregiver resources; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the *Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for*
9 *Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022* seeks to expand VA Home-Based Community
10 services and leverage caregiver-inclusive language, to commission a VA report with
11 recommendation on how VA might expand health services and supports for caregivers,
12 and to enhance coordination of the VA with nonprofits and Veteran Service
13 Organizations to address gaps in resources and work collaboratively to support the
14 military caregiving community; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the *Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services for*
16 *Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022* will expand access to home and community-based
17 services for veterans living in U.S. territories and Native veterans enrolled in IHS or
18 tribal health program, and will raise the cap on how much the VA can pay for the cost
19 of home care from sixty-five percent (65%) of the cost of nursing home care to one
20 hundred percent (100%). The passage of H.R. 6823 may ensure that Guam's veterans
21 are able to remain in their homes and receive the assistance and care needed for them
22 to thrive; and

23 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam
24 Legislature) support the passage of H.R. 6823, the *Elizabeth Dole Home and*
25 *Community Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022*, which will expand
26 veterans' access to home caregivers by providing a critical investment in caregiver
27 support at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express the utmost
3 support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the 36th Guam Legislature) for
4 the passage of H.R. 6823, the “Elizabeth Dole Home and Community Based Services
5 for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2022”; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
8 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Joseph Biden, President of the
9 United States; to the Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States; to
10 the Honorable Congresswoman Julia Brownley, California’s 26th District
11 Representative to the United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Michael
12 F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam’s Delegate to the United States House of Representatives; to
13 the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;
14 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary