




***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

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**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States has entered into free association relationships,  
4 respectively, with the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall  
5 Islands, and the Republic of Palau, have known as the Compacts of Free Association  
6 (Compacts); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Compacts, among other things, stipulate that nationals of these  
8 Freely Associated States are permitted to enter the United States and its territories and  
9 possessions, for the purposes of employment or education, and in so doing be able to  
10 establish residence as nonimmigrants; and

1           **WHEREAS**, since the signing of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985  
2 (P.L. 99-239), Guam, as the nearest traveling hub to the Freely Associated States (FAS)  
3 has been host to tens of thousands of citizens from freely associated states, and

4           **WHEREAS**, as of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Compact Impact Report - the FAS  
5 population residing in Guam is estimated at thirty thousand three hundred and thirty-  
6 four (30,344) FAS citizens; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Guam continues to do its part hosting our island brothers and sisters  
8 and sharing in Guam’s resources, with the FAS Migrant community becoming an  
9 integral part of Guam’s economy, seeking employment in every industry in Guam and  
10 improving the delivery of many services; and

11           **WHEREAS**, according to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Compact Impact Report -  
12 Guam, the total compact impact costs to Guam for services in Fiscal Year 2020 was  
13 Seventy-six Million Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and Eight Hundred twenty-six Dollars  
14 (\$76,837,826); and

15           **WHEREAS**, Guam remains burdened by the United States' inability to  
16 adequately offset the additional costs to Guam attributed to the FAS citizens residing  
17 on Guam, with past efforts to arrive at a mutually acceptable formula for determining  
18 compact impact having been discussed, but yet to find agreement and adoption; and

19           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* stands behind offering a formula that is to  
20 be embedded in statute and is to be used to determine compact impact; and

21           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds the exclusion of discretionary  
22 compact impact funding in President Biden's proposed FY2024 Executive Budget  
23 submission totally unacceptable; and

24           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* fully supports efforts by the US House of  
25 Representatives to make available funds that approximate no less than a status quo

1 approach to compact impact reimbursement financial impact upon the entities who have  
2 the largest FAS groups; and

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also endorses and supports efforts by  
4 government of Guam representatives to offer alternatives beyond the annual direct  
5 funding to pay down the millions of dollars in uncompensated compact impact costs,  
6 such as an offset of matching funds for federal grants; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, register its strongest objections to the lack of compact  
9 impact funding in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request submitted by President Biden;  
10 and, be it further

11 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, fully endorse the efforts by the U.S. House of  
13 Representatives to restore no less than Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) in compact  
14 impact reimbursement funds, and Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) in discretionary  
15 funds; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
17 on behalf of the people of Guam, request language is appended to the House  
18 appropriation to mandate the adoption of a mutually acceptable formula for determining  
19 compact impact in the affected states and territories by March 1, 2024; and, be it further

20 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
21 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
22 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of  
23 the United States; the Honorable Antony Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State; to the  
24 Honorable Deb Haaland, U.S. Secretary of the Interior; The Honorable Carmen G.  
25 Cantor, Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs; Congressman James

- 1 C. Moylan of Guam; Congressman Ed Case of Hawaii; and to the Honorable Lourdes
- 2 A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA*  
*LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE **DAY**  
OF 2023.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary