

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

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

3 **WHEREAS**, for nearly one hundred million Americans, boating continues
4 to be a popular recreational activity; and from coast to coast, and everywhere in
5 between, people are taking to the water and enjoying time together boating,
6 sailing, paddling, and fishing; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during "National Safe Boating Week," the U.S. Coast
8 Guard (USCG) and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners encourage all
9 boaters to explore and enjoy America's beautiful waters responsibly; and

10 **WHEREAS**, safe boating begins with preparation; and the Coast Guard
11 estimates that human error accounts for most boating accidents and that wearing
12 life jackets could prevent nearly eighty-three percent (83%) of boating fatalities.

1 Through basic boating safety procedures, such as carrying lifesaving emergency
2 distress and communications equipment, wearing life jackets, attending safe
3 boating courses, participating in free boat safety checks, and staying sober when
4 navigating, we can help ensure boaters on America's coastal, inland, and offshore
5 waters stay safe throughout the season; and

6 **WHEREAS**, "National Safe Boating Week" is observed to bring attention
7 to important life-saving tips for recreational boaters so that they can have a safer,
8 more fun experience out on the water throughout the year; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on average, six hundred (600) people die each year in
10 boating- related accidents in the U.S., and seventy-five percent (75%) of these
11 are fatalities caused by drowning. Oftentimes, these accidents are caused by
12 human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental
13 factors; and

14 **WHEREAS**, "National Safe Boating Week" events have been
15 coordinated annually by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 140-
16 02-24. The volunteers of the organization have committed thousands of hours
17 of their time as well as the use of personal vessels to educate the people of Guam
18 of Safe Boating practices. Moreover, their service helps to keep our waterways
19 safe and secure for full enjoyment of the people of Guam and visitors; and ,
20 therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does
22 hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize the
23 observance of "National Safe Boating Week" from May 20 to May 26, 2023; and
24 commend the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Guam Flotilla, the Guam

1 Police Department Marine Patrol, and the Guam Fire Department Rescue Units
2 for raising awareness of safe boating and marine safety; and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on certify,
4 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
5 be thereafter transmitted to Robert Vasquez, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Guam
6 Flotilla Commander; to Captain Nicolas Simmons, Commander, United States Coast
7 Guard Sector Guam; to the USCG Planning Committee; to FS0- PA Dr. Kin C.
8 Fernandez; to the Guam Boating Law Administrator's Office; to the Guam Police
9 Department Marine Patrol; to the Guam Fire Department Rescue Units; and to the
10 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *IMaga'hagan Guahan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary