

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
206-37 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-ninth (29th) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.	9/22/23 2:43 p.m.	10/7/23 11:00 a.m.	10/5/23 8:59 a.m.					

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Introduced by:  
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Relative to recognizing the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.

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

**WHEREAS**, the people of Palau and the people of Guam share more than four thousand (4,000) years of history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Palauans first greeted British traders and government officials visiting in the eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) century, followed by the influence-expanding Spaniards in the nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) century. Spain claimed the rights over Palau and other Micronesian islands in 1885 after Pope Leo XIII, to avert war between the two (2) countries, issued the Protocol of Rome granting sovereignty to Spain, and gave to Germany the rights to do business and enter ports in the region. By 1899, financially exhausted with administering colonies in Micronesia, Spain sold the island groups except for Guam to Germany for Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000); and

**WHEREAS**, control of the Micronesian islands, including Palau, was legally granted to Japan in 1920 as a mandate at the Paris Peace Conference by the League of Nations after World War I. After the historic battles of Peleliu and Angaur and the defeat of Japan by the United States in World War II, the United States gained control of what was then called the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands through the United Nations (UN) in 1947 as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), with Palau administered as one (1) of the three (3) island groups' six (6) districts; and

**WHEREAS**, after forty-seven (47) years as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the leaders of Palau opted for separation from the other island areas in a special referendum in 1978; and on July 9, 1980, the Palau constitution was ratified, and Palau held its first constitutional elections, thereby creating the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, Palau gained self-government by way of its Constitution and entered into a Compact of Free Association with the United States, which was approved in 1993 by the people of the Republic of Palau after a number of referendums and an amendment to the nuclear-free clause of the Palau Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1994, the United Nations Trusteeship Council issued a resolution requesting the government of the United States, in consultation with the government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about October 1, 1994 for the full entry into force of the Compact of Free Association; and in July 1994, the President of the United States, the Honorable William J. Clinton, reaffirmed October 1, 1994, as the effective date of the Compact, provided that all legal challenges to the Compact had been resolved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau joined the United Nations as its one hundred eighty-fifth (185<sup>th</sup>) member, and took its seat in the U.N. in December 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is an island nation in the northwest Pacific Ocean, located east of the Philippines, and perched on the Kyushu-Palau Ridge. The westernmost cluster of the Caroline Islands consists of twenty (20) large islands and five hundred sixty-six (566) smaller islands, and it is one of the youngest and least populated nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Koror or "Oreor," the largest state in Palau, is where seventy percent (70%) of the Republic's population live, and is the place that hosts the most annual festivities and special events for the island nation; and it had served as the capital of Palau from its independence in 1994 to 2006, when the capital was moved to Ngerulmud in Melekeok; and

**WHEREAS**, Palau was named as the number one (#1) "Underwater Wonder of the World" by Conservation, Education, Diving, Awareness and Marine-Research (CEDAM) International, an organization of divers, marine scientists, and conservationists. Spectacular scuba diving locales, with coral reefs, blue holes, World War II wrecks, hidden caves and tunnels, and over sixty (60) vertical drop-offs are found in Palau, where three (3) major ocean currents meet to create an environment of abundance and enormous variety of marine life; and the waters surrounding the Rock Islands literally teem with over one thousand five hundred (1,500) varieties of reef and pelagic fish, and more than four (4) times the number of coral species found in the Caribbean Sea; and

**WHEREAS**, after World War II when the U.S. Naval security clearance was lifted, many Palauans moved to Guam so that they could work and further their education, and they brought their culture of hard work, respect, and the respect of family and traditions to Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, Palauans living on Guam continued to have their social and customary gatherings on Guam and built two (2) community meeting houses, or *abat*, in the mid-1970s in the *Harmon* cliffline area. Organizing themselves as the Palau Community Association of Guam (PCAG), Palauans held softball tournaments and a myriad of cultural and social activities at the *abat* until the early 1990s, when the land was returned to the original landowners and they were forced to vacate their *abat*; and

**WHEREAS**, the PCAG continues to show its commitment to helping others and keeping Guam clean and beautiful by maintaining the Eagles Field and the softball field in *Mangloa*, participating in Matson's *Adahi I Tano* cleanup program, participating in the Roadway Adoption Program, and adopting several bus stops; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Palauan community have continued to enrich the cultural diversity we experience here on Guam, and they endow our island with their unique and collective strength; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commend them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Palau Community Association of Guam; and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Mago'hágu Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

CHRIS BARNETT  
Acting Speaker

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Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SABINA FLORES PEREZ  
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Alan Capella CEO 10/06/2023 1:45 PM

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 206-37(COR)**

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18           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
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23 contributions to the island of Guam; and be it further

24           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
26 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Palau Community Association of Guam; to

- 1 Adelina “Enna” K. Jose, Consul General of the Republic of Palau on Guam; to the
- 2 Honorable Surangel Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; and to the
- 3 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF OCTOBER 2023.**



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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Acting Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**SABINA FLORES PEREZ**  
Acting Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

*37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 206-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes.** – “Relative to recognizing the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
<b>Senator Chris Barnett</b> Chairperson	e-vote	10/4/23	✓		
<b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b> Vice Chairperson	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b> Member					
<b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b> Member		10/3/23	✓		
<b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b> Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Senator William A. Parkinson</b> Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b> Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b> Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b> Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Senator Joanne Brown</b> Minority Member	e-vote	10/4/23	✓		
<b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b> Minority Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b> Minority Member	e-vote	10/4/23	✓		
<b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b> Minority Member	e-vote	10/3/23	✓		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: <b>Alan Cepeda</b>					
<b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>					
<u>12</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: October 5, 2023 at 8:59 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Vice Speaker

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

**37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature**

October 5, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Senators  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**From:** Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**Subject:** Presentation of Resolution No. 206-37 (COR)

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*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 206-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes / Roy A.B. Quinata** – “Relative to recognizing the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-ninth (29<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.”

The presentation will take place during the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Independence of Palau at the Palau Cultural Center in Lada, Dededo on October 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11am.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*