## I MINA 'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution No. 309-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Chris Barnett

Relative to recognizing the Department of Public Works School Bus Drivers on the observance of "National School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day" on February 22, 2024; and commending them for their dedication to providing safe and reliable transportation for school students of our island community.

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

WHEREAS, "National School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day" was first established on February 22, 2017, as a means of showing appreciation to all School Bus Drivers for their efforts to go above and beyond in order to transport students to school and back home every day; and this year, "National School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day" will be celebrated on Thursday, February 22, 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, School Bus Drivers play a vital part in school communities, 9 ensuring the utmost safety and protection of students while providing transportation to 10 and from school in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the education of Guam's children is a top priority of our government and is an indispensable resource for our island, such that the Department of Public Works Bus Operations School Bus Drivers have been tasked with one of the 1 most important aspects of providing an adequate system of public education, which is 2 to provide regular timely transportation of school children to and from school; and

3 WHEREAS, all School Bus Drivers are trained and certified in defensive 4 driving, first aid, and CPR; they possess various skills such as vehicle operation and 5 pupil discipline; and they are knowledgeable in conducting routine procedures such as 6 emergency evacuations and quarantine containment. School Bus Drivers are continually 7 on the alert, recognizing a possible crash-producing situation far enough in advance to 8 apply the necessary preventive action, and concede the right-of-way to prevent a crash; 9 and School Bus Drivers are always aware of weather conditions and other lifethreatening occurrences that may require emergency evacuation and transporting of 10 11 passengers from dangerous situations to a secure shelter for safety; and

12 WHEREAS, whether on their usual routes or doing more than they are asked, School Bus Drivers are involved in the highest standard of safe practices to ensure the 13 14 protection of their passengers; and

15 WHEREAS, School Bus Drivers have been and will continue to be an integral 16 component of our island's infrastructure and educational system, as they have proven themselves to be hardworking, passionate, and reliable workers time and time again; 17 18 now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Siette Na 19 20 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize all 21 School Bus Drivers on the observance of "National School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day" and commend them for the roles, responsibilities, and skills they have taken in 22 their profession to provide the safe transportation of all passengers who ride the school 23 bus; and does further extend a warm and sincere Un Dångkulu na Si Yu'os Ma'åse to 24 25 them for the commitment, dedication, and sacrifices they have made to ensure greater 26 safety throughout our community; 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 Mr. Vincent P. Arriola, Director of the Department
of Public Works; Mr. Danny Quintanilla, Superintendent of the Department of Public
Works Bus Operations; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OFI MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THEDAYOF February 2024.DAY

THERESE M. TERLAJE Speaker **CHRIS BARNETT** Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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