#### 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
Chris Barnett		Relative to recognizing Willi Carl Byerly for his commitment of over thirty (30) years in the sport of surfing		7/30/24	7/29/24					
451-37 (COR)		and bodyboarding on Guam; and commending him for his dedication as president at <i>Guåhan Nåpu</i> Inc. from 2004 to 2017.	4:37 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	10:24 a.m.					
		2004 to 2017.								





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#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINATRENTAL SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÄHAN:

WHEREAS, Willi Byerly was born Willi Carl Marchslewski in the city of Worms in the Rheinhessen-Rheinfalz region of Germany, raised by his mother, Wand ski, his maternal grandmother, and his uncle. Willi's mother married Henry Byerly of Montana and moved to America in 1960; and

WHEREAS, as military dependents, Willi and his mother moved around and lived in different parts of the U.S. and overseas, and it was his early teen years Hawaii and teen years in San Diego, Guam, and England that shaped and influenced his long relationship with the ocean; and

WHEREAS, he first learned to surf at Pililaau Army Recreation Center in Waianae, Oahu, from ages twelve (12) to fourteen (14) and spent a year in Ocean Beach, San Diego, partaking in Californian surf culture, arriving on Guam in 1968 with his mother and his second stepfather, Emeterio "Ted" Santos, a Chamorr

WHEREAS, Willi and a cohort of Guam's surfers from the 1960s first organized an early chapter of the Guam Surfing Association in 1975 to protest the construction of two breakwaters at the Agama Boat Basin when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the administration had wanted to extend the break wall through the popular left side surfing spot at Boat Basin, resulting in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shortening the length of the breakwater jetties and, as a result of Willi and the early generation of Guam activist surfers, the Boat Basin remains one of Guam's favorite surf spots for recreation and competitive surfing;

WHEREAS, in 1978, Willi and the older generation of Guam surfers re-constituted themselves when another group suggested that the U.S. Navy build an ammunition wharf at the Glass Breakwater called "Magundas" rather than Orote Point. The revived association succeeded in convincing the officials to make the ammunition wharf at Orote Point, and Magundas remains a surfable site to this day, again thanks to Byerly and his fellow surfers' activism; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, he and several younger generation surfers and body-boarders came together to brainstorm and initiate the formation of a new association, Guåhan Nåpu or "Guam Wave" to encompass all types of wave riders; and

WHEREAS, the Guáhan Nāpu surfing association accomplished many things within a year: formally incorporated as a non-profit community organization on January 26, 2004, becoming Guáhan Nāpu Inc. (GNI); held its first surfing contest as Fluid 2004 Surf Fest Hagātīja Boat Basin; provided surfboards for the Beach Boys concert for Atkin Kroll's ninetieth (90th) Anniversary; and proposed and obtained approval for a surf mural to be painted on the Paseo de Susana Statue of Liberty Beach Park bathroom walls as GNI's beautification project, executed by GNI member, Tom Adame; and

WHEREAS, during the 2004 board election, Willi was elected president of Guāhan Nāpu Inc. and was consecutively voted president for the next thirteen (13)

WHEREAS, Willi sat on the Guam Visitors Bureau's (GVB) Beach Safety Committee and participated in GVB's first series of beach safety meetings, resulting in the first placement of beach safety signs and flags. He represented GNI as a participant in GVB's Ocean Safety advisory committee which resulted in the building of the lifeguard tower at Matapang Beach; organized Battle of the Board Riders 3 Hagatha Boat Basin; organized and hosted the Kids Grommet Standup Paddle Boarding Competition ages 6-15 held at Ypan Beach; and donated a T.V. to Guam Memorial Hospital for the fourth (4th) floor lobby area of the Children's Pediatric Unit with GNI, their major sporting and community outreach events garnering press coverage for GNI and solidifying the association's status in Guam's sporting

WHEREAS, Willi and GNI organized the Pro-Am surfing and bodyboarding competition and entered a team at the La Union, Philippines longboard contest; organized and held the first Rick's Reef Classic surf contest on February 16, 2008, solicited up to a dozen sponsors for prizes and donations in kind, where forty contestants signed up for the competition; and

WHEREAS, GNI received an invitation from the New Caledonia Surfing League to participate in the 2011 Pacific Games surfing competition three (3) years before the Games, and when the Port Authority of Guam restricted entry by surfers to Glass Breakwater from Family Beach, Byerly, and GNI communicated with

and obtained access to Magundas from the U.S. Naval Base Commanding Officer, and

WHEREAS, in December 2010, Willi traveled to New Caledonia to meet representatives of the New Caledonia Surfing League and do a survey of the 2011

Pacific Games surfing site at Ouano (La Foa) in anticipation that Guam surfers will be part of the Guam contingent in the South Pacific Games; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Willi and the GNI organized several Rick's Reef Classic and Surf the Basin competitions; repaired Pairos shower area after another storm surge; sponsored and sent two junior surfers to Japan for the Isonoura Kids Surfing contest in Wakayama, Japan; donated two (2) wheelchairs to the Guam Memorial Hospital; supported the Freak Show Body Boarding contest; was invited by Guam National Olympic Committee (GNOC) to send a surfing team to the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia; held the Pacific Games qualifiers to short list surf athletes for the 2011 Pacific Games; sent a team to the New Caledonia. Pacific Games; became a non-voting member of International Surfing Association (ISA); helped send two (2) junior surfers and two (2) body boarders to Hawaii for the Sandy Beach Body Board and Surfing Competition; assisted with and participated in the first (1") Ka'hulo water safety program at Matapang Beach; were invited to send a Guam team to the Melanesian Surfing Cup in Fiji; sent a team to the Melanesian Surfing Cup competition at Cloud Break; was accepted as a nonvoting member of the GNOC; helped with the Lotus Surf Shop Kids Surf Competition at Talo fo fo Bay; was certified by the ISA to conduct surf judging on Guam versus going off island; renegotiated with U.S. Naval Base Command for access to Magandus to include fishing and limited recreational activities; received the Governor's Award in recognition and appreciation of GNI's "work to promote surfing as a water sport and recreational activity for residents of all ages" and for the organization's civic responsibility "to make the island a better place for all Guamanians" with its various community outreach activities and donations since the association's inception; sent a four (4)-member contingent to the 1" ISA International Surf Coaching development seminar in Bali; and partnered with Lotus Surf Shop to facilitate the Håfa Surf Series contest at Talo'fo'f Bay; and

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esponsibilities to govern Surfing in all its forms, including Standup Paddle (SUP), across its national Territory;" and WHEREAS, before his 65th birthday, Willi organized and helmed the tenth (10th) and his last Rick's Reef Classic surf competition, and, in August 2017, he stepped down as president of GNI to turn the reins over to a new slate of officers and was acknowledged and commended for his leadership of the GNI by GNOC President Ricardo Blas: and

WHEREAS, as advisor emeritus to GNI's new board of officers, he provided institutional knowledge, co-led and was co-team manager of Team Guam at the 2019 International Surfing Association's World Surfing Games in Miyazaki, Japan, a qualifier for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics where surfing was included as one of the sports for the first 10) time ever; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of 1 Mina trentai Siette Na Libeslaturan Gnāban does hereby, on behalf of 1 Libeslaturan Gnāban and the people of Guam, recognize Willi Carl Byerly for his commitment of over thirty (30) years in the sport of surfing and bodyboarding on Guam; and commend him for his dedication as president at Guāban Nāpu Inc. from 2004 to 2017; 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 Willi Byerly; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga hagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAL SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÄHAN ON THE 29TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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### I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 451-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Chris Barnett

Frank Blas, Jr.
Joanne M. Brown
Christopher M. Dueñas
Thomas J. Fisher
Jesse A. Lujan
Tina Rose Muña Barnes
William A. Parkinson
Sabina Flores Perez
Roy A. B. Quinata
Joe S. San Agustin
Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas
Amanda L. Shelton
Telo T. Taitague
Therese M. Terlaje

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- 2 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
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- 10 Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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. 451-37 (COR)** – Chris Barnett. – "Relative to recognizing Willi Carl Byerly for his commitment of over thirty (30) years in the sport of surfing and bodyboarding on Guam; and commending him for his dedication as president at *Guåhan Nåpu Inc.* from 2004 to 2017."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN				
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	DS	07/29/2024	<b>✓</b>						
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson			2						
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	-								
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member									
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	evote	07/29/2024	<b>✓</b>						
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	evote	07/29/2024	<b>✓</b>						
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	evote	07/29/2024	<b>/</b>						
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Name: Marie Crisostomo									
Date: July 29, 2024 at 10:24 a.m.									
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### Senator Chris "Malafunkshun" Barnett

#### Chairperson

Committee on Education, Public Safety, and the Arts · Committee on Rules

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 29, 2024

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From:

Senator Chris "Malafunkshun" Barnett

Re:

PRESENTATION NOTICE for Resolution 451-37 (COR)

Håfa adai:

The presentation of **Resolution 451-37 (COR)** "relative to recognizing Willi Carl Byerly for his commitment of over thirty (30) years in the sport of surfing and bodyboarding on Guam; and commending him for his dedication as president at Guåhan Nåpu Inc. from 2004 to 2017," will take place on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.