

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Micronesia Mall, an iconic landmark in Guam, opened its doors on August 8, 1988, a date symbolically chosen by its owners for good fortune, as the number eight (8) is considered auspicious in Chinese and various other Asian cultures, and the opening of the Mall was the fulfillment of Dr. Lucio Tan's vision and commitment to provide the people of Guam with a premier shopping and entertainment destination, enhancing the island's economic and social landscape; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the impending population shift towards Northern Guam, Dr. Tan purchased the 32-acre site of the future Micronesia Mall in 1980 and pledged to develop a monumental shopping center that would seamlessly integrate dining, entertainment, and world-class retail options; and

WHEREAS, before the Micronesia Mall, there were no 100-store shopping malls, no food courts, no mall center courts for community events, and no covered

1 parking for shoppers in Guam; and it was due to the trust, confidence, and close ties
2 that Dr. Tan has always had with Guam's people since the early 1970s that he made a
3 major commitment to create the best shopping destination in the region; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the primary mission of Micronesia Mall, then and today, is to offer
5 shoppers the greatest variety of the most popular, moderately priced name brand stores
6 and restaurants, which led Dr. Tan to build Guam's largest, two-level enclosed shopping
7 mall with a 10,000 square foot center court, Guam's first 200-seat Fiesta Food Court,
8 and featuring convenient surface parking at every mall entrance; and

9 **WHEREAS**, since its opening, the Micronesia Mall has undergone important
10 changes to accommodate Guam's growing population, expanding tourism industry, and
11 subsequent increased demand for goods, remaining the largest shopping mall in the
12 region; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the growth in Guam's tourism since 1988 and the resulting benefits
14 to the economy have resulted in a consistent demand for prime retail space, prompting
15 Dr. Tan to invest once again in Guam's people and future by more than doubling the
16 size of Micronesia Mall in 1998 to over 750,000 square feet, and achieving an ongoing
17 leasing objective to meet the needs of retailers large and small from every country, with
18 the mall today being nearly 100 percent leased; and

19 **WHEREAS**, today, the mall has grown to include famous designers, company-
20 owned and franchised stores such as Macy's, Foot Locker, Vitamin World, and Pay-
21 Less Supermarket, which have achieved unprecedented success in the mall; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, the Phase 2 expansion was completed, moving the food
23 court from the ground level to the second level and increasing in size from 200 seats to
24 750 seats, expanding concourses 3 and 4, and including a second level with open atrium-
25 style concourses with skylights; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Phase 2 expansion in 1998 also included two multi-level
27 parking garages to provide shoppers with a total of seven parking levels for convenient,
28 covered access to the new wings, a 20,000 square foot indoor amusement park featuring

1 nine thrilling rides for the young and the young-at-heart, and a state-of-the-art ten
2 screen, all-stadium seating multiplex theater, which later expanded to 12 screens; and

3 **WHEREAS**, national stores like Macy’s and Foot Locker, plus local tenants like
4 Micronesia Mall theaters and JP Superstore, have all expanded in order to meet demand,
5 with the largest store construction expansion occurring in 2009 when Macy’s nearly
6 doubled in size; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the mall’s 26-foot audio kinetic sculpture, known as MIMO
8 (Micronesia Identified Moving Objects) or “Pelota Pagoda,” created by world-
9 renowned artist George Rhoads of New York, stands in center court, captivating visitors
10 with its instrumental song in the background; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the mall's 10,000 square foot center court, a site for special events
12 and shows since 1988, has hosted island competitions, school concert performances, car
13 giveaways, and many more, making it a perfect place for families, friends, and
14 community members to gather for an array of different occasions; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Micronesia Mall on the special occasion
17 of their Thirty-sixth (36th) Year Anniversary; and commending its employees, partners,
18 and tenants for their continued service to Guam’s visitors and our island community;
19 and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
21 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Micronesia
22 Mall; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF 2024.