

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Chief Philip S.N. Taijeron, Jr. has served with distinction as an
4 Assistant Chief of Customs, embodying the highest standards of professionalism and
5 commitment to duty throughout his illustrious career; and

6 **WHEREAS,** as a border enforcement senior executive, Chief Philip S.N.
7 Taijeron, Jr. has played a pivotal role in safeguarding Guam's borders, as he tirelessly
8 worked to ensure the integrity of the customs and quarantine processes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, his leadership and expertise have been instrumental in the
2 interception and seizure of illicit substances, preventing them from infiltrating our
3 community and posing harm to our citizens; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Chief Taijeron's remarkable tenure has been characterized by his
5 unwavering dedication to upholding the rule of law, protecting our nation and territory's
6 borders, and preserving the safety and well-being of our people; and

7 **WHEREAS**, when faced with complex challenges including diverse managerial
8 and leadership dynamics, pressing operational deadlines, and the impact of global
9 operations on strategic forecasts, Chief Philip S.N. Taijeron, Jr. consistently
10 demonstrated exceptional leadership at Guam Customs. As he embarks on a new
11 chapter following his retirement from government service, we are confident that his
12 strong foundation of knowledge, skills, and abilities will position him for continued
13 success; and

14 **WHEREAS**, under his guiding watch during the last five years, 552 pounds of
15 methamphetamine and 502 pounds of marijuana were seized. These seizures total street
16 values of \$37.8 million dollars and \$4.5 million dollars, respectively. These dangerous
17 drugs never made it into our community. He authored and instructed Customs
18 Leadership Training titled "Introduction to Leadership Concepts," comprising of six
19 key modules aimed at developing leadership skills among officers and supervisors,
20 benefiting 15 Special Enforcement Division Officers, Customs Officer Supervisors, and
21 Section Officers in Charge; and

22 **WHEREAS**, he provided mentorship and editing expertise to a customs
23 committee tasked with drafting a proposal for Customs Entry Manifest Law and Rules
24 and Regulations, ensuring clarity and effectiveness in regulatory frameworks. he played
25 a crucial role in finalizing proposed legislation aimed at modernizing Guam customs
26 border laws, covering various aspects such as Powers of Customs Officers, Definitions,
27 Places of Inspection, Guard on Vessels, and Release of Sealed Cargo; and

1 **WHEREAS**, he reviewed and proposed draft language for the Administrative
2 Rules and Regulations, contributing to the completion of the Customs Manifest Public
3 Law and ensuring regulatory compliance within the agency. He conducted a thorough
4 examination of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Customs
5 Agency and the United States Postal Inspection Service Task Force, which is essential
6 for the effective operation of the Guam Interagency Narcotics Task Force (GIANT),
7 whose primary mission is to thwart the infiltration of drugs via the United States Postal
8 Service; and

9 **WHEREAS**, he reviewed and contributed insights to the Port Security Grant
10 program, focusing on resource allocation, closed circuit surveillance of the maritime
11 port of entry, drone technology utilization, and priority area establishment to enhance
12 port security measures.

13 **WHEREAS**, he took direct charge of the revitalization efforts at the on-island
14 Guam Customs Canine Training Academy, ensuring operational improvements and
15 successful graduation of seven proficient Drug Detector Dog Handlers, thereby
16 enhancing narcotics detection capabilities. Additionally, he authored the Customs
17 COVID-19 Mission document, which served as a foundational blueprint for navigating
18 the unprecedented challenges posed by the global pandemic, ensuring operational
19 continuity and the safety of personnel within the agency; and

20 **WHEREAS**, he conducted thorough analyses of key directives and memos,
21 including DPHSS GUIDANCE-MEMO-2020-11-REV-11-05-14-21-FINAL and EO
22 2021-10, to assess their impact on ABWIAT Operations, ensuring compliance and
23 efficiency in border enforcement procedures. He also addressed critical issues such as
24 hazardous duty historical memorandum directives, container seal violations, and the
25 allocation of Customs Captains, demonstrating his proactive approach to problem-
26 solving and commitment to improving operational effectiveness; and

1 **WHEREAS**, he performed direct oversight and management of various
2 programs and initiatives, including the development and establishment of multiple
3 customs programs such as the Guam Customs Detector Dog Unit Program, the Guam
4 Customs Canine Training Academy, Biosecurity Task Force, Maritime Contraband
5 Enforcement Team, Fines, Fees, and Forfeitures Section, and the Guam Customs
6 Agriculture Canine Unit, showcasing his innovative leadership and dedication to
7 enhancing border security measures. He simultaneously served with distinction in the
8 Guam Air National Guard for over twenty years, retiring as the seventh Command Chief
9 and demonstrating a steadfast commitment to serving both his country and his
10 community with honor and distinction; and

11 **WHEREAS**, he is a highly educated professional, as he holds a Professional
12 Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Guam, earned
13 through the prestigious Doc Sanchez Scholarship. He also holds a Bachelor of Science
14 in Global Business Management from the University of Phoenix, graduating with
15 honors, and Associate Degrees in Mechanical and Electrical Technology, and Human
16 Resource Management from the University of the Air Force. Illustrating his diverse
17 educational background and expertise in various disciplines; and

18 **WHEREAS**, he has demonstrated his scholarly contributions by publishing
19 academic work in a Peer Reviewed Journal and served as a presenter for the
20 International Conference on Business, Economics, and Information Technology
21 (ICBEIT) in 2015, highlighting his expertise and thought leadership in academic circles;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, he has been recognized for his leadership and service, serving as
24 the President of the Guam Air National Guard Top 3 Association in 2012 and earning
25 distinctions such as making the Dean's List for the 2014 Fall Semester at the University
26 of Guam. He has received numerous accolades and awards throughout his career,
27 including being named the Air National Guard First Sergeant of the Year during the

1 Pacific Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year Competition and being recognized
2 as the Pacific Air Forces' Air National Guard First Sergeant of the Year for 2011. His
3 exceptional academic performance and dedication to excellence were evident from an
4 early stage in his Air National Guard career, as he was recognized as the Top Graduate
5 in the six-month long US Air Force Electrical Systems Apprentice Course in February
6 2001; and

7 **WHEREAS**, he has consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and
8 managerial skills, as evidenced by his role as Supervisor for the Unit of the Year in
9 1998 and his receipt of the Outstanding Customs Officer of the Year award in December
10 1990 and December 1991, along with the Outstanding Team Award from the Australian
11 Customs Detector Dog Training Center in September 1989; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in honoring Chief Philip S.N. Taijeron, Jr., we celebrate a
13 remarkable career dedicated to the safety, security, and well-being of our community.
14 For over four decades, Chief Taijeron's tireless efforts and exceptional leadership have
15 been instrumental in safeguarding Guam's borders and upholding the rule of law. As he
16 embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we commend his profound impact and express
17 our gratitude for his unwavering commitment to our island home. His legacy will
18 continue to inspire future generations; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
21 of Guam, recognizing and congratulating Chief of Customs Philip S.N. Taijeron, Jr. on
22 the occasion of his retirement from the Government of Guam Customs and Quarantine
23 Agency, after 40 (forty) years of unwavering dedication, loyalty, and service have left
24 an indelible mark on our community's safety and security; and to further express a
25 sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for his service to our island community; and
26 be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Chief of Customs Philip S.N. Taijeron, Jr.; and to
4 the Honorable Lourdes A. 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 DAY OF
MONTH 2024.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary