

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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**, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize and honor
4 those distinguished citizens of the great island of Guam who have devoted
5 themselves to faithfully serving in the best interests of Guam and the needs of its
6 people; and

7 **WHEREAS**, one such faithful and great example is Commander Gregory S.
8 Sickels who is serving from June 2021 to June 2024, has displayed exemplary
9 leadership and dedication in his role, significantly enhancing maritime safety,
10 security, and environmental stewardship; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels led the response to 1593 search
12 and rescue cases, including 314 long-range, multi-day operations, saving or assisting
13 548 lives and saving nearly \$2 million in property, demonstrating his unwavering
14 commitment to saving lives and safeguarding property at sea; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels actively directs Guam-based
2 Fast Responders to increase regional operational capacity and presence, with these
3 cutters averaging 126 days away from homeport in FY2022 and FY2023 and
4 covering distances that underscore the vast scope of their operations across the
5 Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the
6 Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels oversees the development of
8 Operation REMATAU, a strategic initiative aimed at optimizing the employment of
9 U.S. Coast Guard resources across the region, thus enhancing operational
10 effectiveness and maritime security; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels managed a 40 percent growth
12 in Sector staff and shipboard crew, including the integration of three new Fast
13 Response Cutters and the establishment of innovative civilian positions,
14 demonstrating exceptional organizational leadership and adaptability in the face of
15 expanding operational demands; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels led the successful execution of
17 a triple commissioning ceremony, showcasing his ability to orchestrate significant
18 ceremonial events that foster unity and pride within the U.S. Coast Guard and among
19 international partners; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels established the Patrol
21 Commander program for high-value unit escorts and facilitating the return of cruise
22 ships to Guam post-COVID, efforts that have contributed to the island's economic
23 recovery and maritime security; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels transformed the Sector's
25 approach to public affairs through strategic use of traditional and social media,
26 thereby enhancing the visibility and impact of U.S. Coast Guard's mission in the
27 region; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels developed the Forces
2 Micronesia Sector Guam Strategic Plan, with a clear focus on operational
3 excellence, partnership building, and establishing Forces Micronesia Sector Guam
4 as a workplace of choice, underlining his forward-thinking approach to leadership
5 and strategic planning; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels, coordinated the acquisition of
7 \$1.5 million in surplus equipment from the U.S. Army to bolster the Sector’s
8 maintenance capabilities and efficiency, exemplifying his commitment to enhancing
9 operational readiness and cost-effectiveness; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Commander Gregory S. Sickels’ leadership has not only
11 ensured safety and security of Guam and its surrounding waters but also significantly
12 contributed to the advancement of the U.S. Coast Guard’s mission across Oceania,
13 strengthening relationships with regional partners and enhancing the operational
14 capability of U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam; now therefore, be
15 it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, recognize and commend Commander Gregory S. Sickels of U.S.
19 Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam for his dedicated service and
20 remarkable achievements in advancing maritime safety, security, and operational
21 excellence in Guam and the Pacific region; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
23 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
24 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Commander Gregory Sickels and to
25 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 GUÁHAN ON THE DAY OF
MONTH.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary