

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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

3           **WHEREAS**, one hundred years ago today, the Guam Chamber of Commerce  
4 was established at a luncheon meeting that was held at the Butler's Hotel on April 26,  
5 1924. The following business pioneers chartered the organization that day: Pedro  
6 Martinez, owner of Pedro's Ice Plant; C.C. Butler, proprietor of Butler's Emporium;  
7 H.U. Umstad, Manager of Atkins Kroll & Co.; Baltazar J. Bordallo, businessman and  
8 statesman; William G. Johnston, owner of Johnston Theater; J.M. Gillespie of Pacific  
9 Distributing Corporation; and A.H. White, U.S. Navy Controller; and

10           **WHEREAS**, issues that were at the forefront of the founding directors'  
11 initiatives included the organization of business interests that would further advance  
12 and enhance the economic growth of Guam. Also at the top of the list were a fire  
13 insurance education program, trade issues, uniform commercial usages, internal and  
14 external transportation infrastructure, and agriculture – all of which have held a place  
15 on the Chamber's agenda throughout the years; and

1           **WHEREAS**, today, the Guam Chamber of Commerce continues to be an  
2 organization of citizens that invests its time and money to improve the economic, civic,  
3 and cultural well-being of the local community; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Chamber's mission and is to develop, enable, promote, and  
5 protect the interest of all Guam businesses and their vision is to be the catalyst to  
6 sustainable economic growth that improves the quality of life in Guam; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Chamber works toward the increasing evolution of highways,  
8 recreational areas, new industries, and the expansion of existing industries, all of which  
9 increases the demand for services; and the Chamber provides an expanding market for  
10 construction, real estate, and insurance professionals by promoting business and  
11 appealing to new industries and residents who long to make Guam their home; and

12           **WHEREAS**, members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce primarily consist of  
13 the business community, which benefits the present and future economic development  
14 of our island community; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit association of  
16 business and professional individuals, and firms, working together to progress and  
17 strengthen our social and economic community; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the Chamber has assumed the responsibility of strengthening the  
19 private sector by proposing solutions to community-wide problems; and in recent years  
20 it has involved itself with the problems and possible solutions of government spending  
21 levels, the promotion of a larger United States military presence on Guam, providing  
22 seminars to enhance business development and management skills, seeking Guam's  
23 inclusion in the tax treaties between the U.S. and foreign nations, promoting visa waiver  
24 programs to enhance tourism growth, and the removal of federal and local barriers to  
25 economic activity and effectiveness on Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, with the establishment of the *Na' La' Bonita* Guam program in  
2 2000, the Chamber has expressed its interest in preserving Guam's natural beauty; and  
3 to the present day, this program continues to augment the Chamber's involvement in  
4 the island's beautification; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Guam Chamber of Commerce activities are immeasurable,  
6 depending on the organization's desire and ability to carry them out; and the Chamber  
7 is active in promoting the area's economy and encouraging business and industrial  
8 investment, broadening the tax base, and providing employment. To business prospects  
9 and newcomers, the Chamber represents the community's "front door"; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce has become increasingly  
11 involved in macro-economic issues dealing with education, human relations,  
12 environmental, cultural, and governmental issues in which the Chamber has become a  
13 feasible force in seeking solutions to some of these problems; and

14           **WHEREAS**, most of the work of the Guam Chamber of Commerce is carried  
15 out by the Chamber members through a network of committees and a work plan  
16 prepared early in the administrative year that provides the layout for the Chamber's  
17 work. Volunteers from the Chamber membership are assigned to various committees  
18 that include the Armed Forces Committee, Small Business & Focus Development  
19 Committee, Guam Young Professionals (GYP), Education/Workforce Development,  
20 Membership Development Committee, Chamber Business Women's Network,  
21 Legislative Review and Business Advocacy Committee; and

22           **WHEREAS**, each member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce adheres to a  
23 Code of Ethics, which serves as an inspiration for each member to rise above minimum  
24 standards. The Chamber proclaims and reaffirms its commitment to the highest of  
25 principled free enterprise in the American democratic tradition and in the context of  
26 America's outpost in the Pacific Rim; and while each member must find within his

1 conscience his own measure of right or wrong, as a body, the Chamber adopts this Code  
2 to encourage its members toward the common good, within its purposes, and when  
3 necessary to judge that conduct which is unbecoming of a member of the Chamber; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce engages in community outreach  
5 throughout their One Hundred (100) year history. Notable events and programs include  
6 their Buy Local Commitment, Guam Business Women’s Network – Own It Youth  
7 Forum, Chamber Scholarship Program, Education/ Workforce Development, Guam  
8 Business Hall of Fame, Small Business Excellence Award, Small Business Seminar  
9 Series, as well as their partnership with the Judiciary for the JDC Life Skills Youth  
10 Program and Red Ribbon Month; and

11       **WHEREAS**, the Guam Chamber of Commerce remains resilient because of its  
12 vast membership, which is united in its goal of progressing the general welfare and  
13 prosperity of Guam, while being guided by its Code of Ethics. Each year the Guam  
14 Chambers memorializes the strength of its membership and their commitment to the  
15 island at its annual gala celebrating its anniversary. This year marks a major milestone  
16 for the Guam Chamber of Commerce with its One Hundredth (100<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary; now  
17 therefore, be it

18       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
19 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam  
20 Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its One Hundredth (100<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary;  
21 and to further expressing *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the organization for  
22 advocating for better opportunities for our local businesses to prosper and enhance the  
23 economic welfare of our island community.; and be it further

24       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
25 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ernie A. Galito,  
26 Chairman of the Board, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Tae Oh, Vice Chairman of

1 the Board, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Juan Carlos Benitez, Executive Committee  
2 Secretary-Treasurer, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Phillip Santos, Special  
3 Executive Committee Member, Guam Chamber of Commerce; to Edward G. Untalan,  
4 Immediate Past Chairman of the Board; to Catherine S. Castro, President, Guam  
5 Chamber of Commerce; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*  
6 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
**Speaker**

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
**Legislative Secretary**