

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 13 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

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Relative to *adding* a new Section 4.02.05 to Rule IV, "Convening and Sessions", of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (Thirtieth Guam Legislature Standing Rules) to increase transparency in the legislative process.

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

3        **WHEREAS,** the practice of having session meetings of *I Liheslaturan*  
4 *Guåhan* during the late night hours has been criticized on numerous occasions  
5 over the years; and

6        **WHEREAS,** it is desirable that the public be aware of the actions of the  
7 government at the times that they are taken and these actions should be taken  
8 at times that are easily accessible to the public; and

9        **WHEREAS,** late night work hours and excessively long work hours are  
10 *not* conducive to good performance, whether by government officials *or* other  
11 workers; and

12        **WHEREAS,** the practice of late night sessions and long hours have  
13 frequently been linked with a lack of transparency in our government, even  
14 when they are caused by impending deadlines associated with the passage of  
15 the government budget; and

16        **WHEREAS,** although they are carried on cable television, late night and  
17 overnight sessions are difficult for the public to follow when actions are taken  
18 in the early-morning hours, well after most people have retired for the  
19 evening; and

20        **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslatura* should be able to plan its session schedule in  
21 such a fashion that its work is accomplished transparently, and at times when

1 the majority of the island's population is able to follow the debate, either from  
2 the Public Hearing Room *or* on television; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby *add*  
4 a new Section 4.02.05 to Rule IV, Convening and Sessions of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan Otden Areklamento* (Thirtieth Guam Legislature Standing  
6 Rules) to require sessions to be held between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on each  
7 calendar *or* session day that session is convened; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the new Section 4.02.05 *shall* read:

9 **"Section 4.02.05. Sessions to be held between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00**  
10 **p.m.** Convening of sessions and continuation of session meetings *shall*  
11 be after 7:00 a.m. each calendar day, and each session *shall* be recessed *or*  
12 adjourned on each calendar day as near as possible to 10:00 p.m., taking  
13 into account finishing the immediate matter at hand on the floor at that  
14 hour"; and be it further

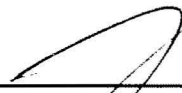
15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
16 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter  
17 transmitted to all Senators of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to the  
18 Legislative Counsel.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINATRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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