

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Relative to recognizing and commending the Scientists,
Commanding Officer and Crew of the NOAA Ship,
Oscar Elton Sette, and to extending *Un Dångkolo na Si
Yu'os Ma'åse'* to them for their important work in
investigating fishery resources and examining
oceanographic and ecological characteristics of the
oceans surrounding Guam, the CNMI and Micronesia.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, prominent scientists from the National Marine Fisheries
4 Service, the University of Hawaii, the University of Washington, Scripps
5 Institution of Oceanography, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Western
6 Washington University, Macalester College, Cascadia Research and the
7 University of Guam, along with independent scientists, are undertaking
8 important work to study the resources and oceans surrounding Guam, the
9 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Micronesia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Captain and Crew of the NOAA vessel, *Oscar Elton*
11 *Sette*, which is home-ported in Hawaii, provide shipboard services for the
12 scientific investigation during the fifty-eight (58) day scientific cruise; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the first phase of the work, beginning February 11, 2010,
14 was undertaken in thirty (30) days, which was to support investigations of
15 important fishery resources in Guam and CNMI, and to calibrate fish density
16 data between a variety of fishery-independent approach methodologies,
17 including extractive and non-extractive methods; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the objectives of the first phase were to conduct benthic
19 habitat mapping of important fishery resources in the vicinity of Guam and
20 the CNMI; multi-beam mapping surveys at depths of two hundred fifty (250)
21 meters or less, and bathymetry and acoustic imagery from these surveys will
22 be augmented with optical data collected with autonomous underwater

1 vehicles (AUV) and towed cameras to characterize these benthic habitats;
2 gather quantitative information about deeper reef fish assemblages at Rota
3 and banks near Guam; and assess feasibility of non-extractive sampling gear
4 to characterize fishery resources through comparisons with data collected
5 using traditional extractive gear; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the second phase of the work, which spanned from March
7 20 to April 12, 2010, was to conduct studies that examined the oceanographic
8 and ecological characteristics of the Micronesian and CNMI waters, as well as
9 in the vicinity of Guam, to gain a better understanding of the characteristics of
10 the sound scattering layers, and zooplankton sampled by trawls, and how
11 these change throughout different oceanographic environments; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the objectives of the second phase were to assess the
13 influence of the physical dynamics on primary productivity, and the density,
14 distribution, and composition of micronekton, which serve as the forage base
15 for economically important fisheries resources, and zooplankton, the forage
16 base for micronekton, to better our understanding on the effects of physical
17 characteristics on the ecosystem and their effects on fisheries resources in the
18 area; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the work of the Scientists and Crew aboard the *Oscar Elton*
20 *Sette* will add to the growing amount of quantitative and qualitative
21 information regarding our ocean resources and its ecology so critical to ocean

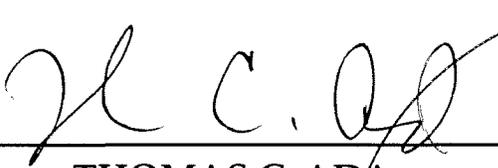
1 management for the benefit of current and future generations on Guam; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
5 does hereby express sincere gratitude for the important work being done by
6 the scientists and crew of the *Oscar Elton Sette*, which required them to be
7 away from their families during the Easter holidays; and does further
8 recognize and commend the Scientists, Commanding Officer and Crew of the
9 NOAA Ship, *Oscar Elton Sette* and extends *Un Dângkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to
10 them for their important work investigating important fishery resources and
11 examining oceanographic and ecological characteristics of the oceans
12 surrounding Guam, the CNMI and Micronesia; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
14 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
15 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Eric C.
16 Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanographic and
17 Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington D. C.; to the Honorable
18 Dr. Steve Murawski, Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science
19 Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington D. C.; to the
20 Honorable Dr. Samuel G. Pooley, Science Director, Pacific Islands Fisheries
21 Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, Honolulu, Hawaii; to the
22 Honorable Scott Ferguson, Chief Scientist (first phase), NOAA; to the

1 Honorable Reka Domokos, Chief Scientist (second phase), National Marine
2 Fisheries Service; to the Honorable Michele G. Bullock, Commanding Officer,
3 Marine Operations Center, Pacific; to the Honorable Anita Lopez,
4 Commanding Officer, *Oscar Elton Sette*, Honolulu, Hawaii; to the Honorable
5 Madeleine Bordallo, Guam Delegate to U.S. House of Representatives; and to
6 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

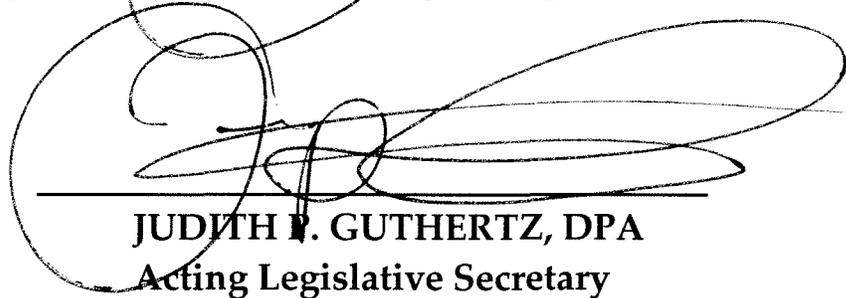
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 13TH DAY OF
APRIL, 2010.**



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Acting Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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