

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
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**Resolution No. 370-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to requesting that the Congress of the United States ensure that the Federal Medicare, Medicaid and Food Stamps programs all be fully and adequately funded in the Fiscal Year 2013 Federal Budget; and that the budget be maintained at current levels of coverage for children, seniors, the ill, the disabled, and individuals of limited means; for the fifty (50) states and all insular areas of the United States.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS**, the people of most of the countries on Earth are suffering from a  
4 protracted worldwide economic slump, and the United States of America is among  
5 those nations that have been seriously affected; and

1           **WHEREAS**, when economies decline, those who suffer the most are often  
2 those in need of the most basic of public services and assistance; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States is working feverishly to draft a  
4 budget for the upcoming 2013 Fiscal Year that will hopefully improve the economy,  
5 by cutting spending, increasing revenues and reducing taxes; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives, on  
7 March 29, 2012, voted to approve a \$3.5 Trillion Dollars budget plan, known as the  
8 “Ryan Plan,” with votes falling primarily along party lines, as two hundred twenty-  
9 eight (228) Republicans voted in favor, while one hundred eighty-one (181)  
10 Democrats and ten (10) Republicans voted against it; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the “Ryan Plan” calls for privatization of Medicare, the  
12 elimination of Medicaid, food stamps and many other federal entitlement benefits, and  
13 would cut \$5.3 Trillion Dollars over the next ten (10) years, chopping entitlements  
14 and agency spending to the bone, actions that would very likely have a disastrous  
15 effect on the most needy individuals across our country, and here on Guam; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) has  
17 determined that sixty-two percent (62%) of the \$5.3 Trillion Dollars in “Ryan Plan”  
18 spending cuts will come from “programs that serve people of limited means;” and the  
19 CBPP analysis also found that the budget provides \$800 Billion Dollars worth of cuts  
20 to Medicaid, \$1.6 Trillion Dollars in savings from repealing the expansion of  
21 Medicaid and subsidies for low-and moderate-income people, \$134 Billion Dollars in  
22 cuts from food stamps, and \$463 Billion Dollars cut from other programs for low-  
23 income individuals and families, including an estimated \$166 Billion Dollars cut from  
24 Pell Grants for low-income college students; and

25           **WHEREAS**, other news accounts state that the “Ryan Plan” budget would cut  
26 two hundred thousand (200,000) children from Head Start; deny food stamps or WIC

1 food commodities to 1.8 million infants, children and pregnant or nursing women; cut  
2 transportation financing by up to \$50 Billion Dollars; and cut unspecified billions  
3 from federal employee pensions; and

4 **WHEREAS**, although the “Ryan Plan” is unlikely to be passed by the  
5 Democrat-controlled U.S. Senate, it may be the inevitable precursor to a budget  
6 deadlock in Congress, barring another 11<sup>th</sup> hour compromise, and such compromise  
7 may be at the expense of the most needy and helpless of our citizens; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in response to the passage of the “Ryan Plan” , the White House  
9 has stated that the Republican plan provides huge tax cuts for “the wealthy that are  
10 paid for by veterans and seniors and the middle class;” and

11 **WHEREAS**, every elected representative of the people should be mindful of  
12 protecting those most in need - infants, children, seniors, the disabled, and those of  
13 limited means, and yet these groups seem to be targeted by the “Ryan Plan;” and such  
14 a plan will be devastating to Guam, and to every United States jurisdiction; now  
15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of  
17 the people of Guam, does hereby request that the Congress of the United States ensure  
18 that the Federal Medicare, Medicaid and Food Stamps programs all be fully and  
19 adequately funded in the Fiscal Year 2013 Federal Budget, consistent with previous  
20 years’ budgets; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of  
22 the people of Guam, does hereby request that the Congress ensure that the Federal  
23 Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 be maintained at current levels of coverage for children,  
24 seniors, the ill, the disabled, and individuals of limited means, for the fifty (50) states  
25 and all insular areas of the United States; and 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 the Honorable Joe Biden, Vice President of the  
4 United States, and President of the United States Senate; to the Honorable John  
5 Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable  
6 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the  
7 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2012.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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