

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

Introduced by:

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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 50 states and all insular areas of the United States.

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

3 WHEREAS, the people of most of the countries on earth are
4 suffering from a protracted worldwide economic slump, and the
5 United States of America is among those nations that have been
6 seriously affected; and

7 WHEREAS, when economies decline, those who suffer the
8 most are often those in need of the most basic of public services and
9 assistance; and

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

14 WHEREAS, the Republican-controlled U. S. House of
15 Representatives, on March 29, 2012, voted to approve a \$3.5 trillion
16 budget plan known as the "Ryan Plan," with votes falling primarily
17 along party lines, as 228 Republicans voted in favor, while 181
18 Democrats and 10 Republicans voted against it; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the “Ryan Plan” calls for privatization of
2 Medicare, the elimination of Medicaid, food stamps and many other
3 federal entitlement benefits, and would cut \$5.3 trillion over the
4 next ten years, chopping entitlements and agency spending to the
5 bone, actions that would very likely have a disastrous effect on the
6 most needy individuals across our country and here in Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
8 (CBPP) has determined that 62 percent of the \$5.3 trillion in “Ryan
9 Plan” spending cuts will come from “programs that serve people of
10 limited means,” and the CBPP analysis also found that the budget
11 provides \$800 billion worth of cuts to Medicaid, \$1.6 trillion in
12 savings from repealing the expansion of Medicaid and subsidies for
13 low-and moderate-income people, \$134 billion in cuts from food
14 stamps, and \$463 billion cut from other programs for low-income
15 individuals and families, including an estimated \$166 billion cut
16 from Pell Grants for low-income college students; and

17 **WHEREAS**, other news accounts state that the “Ryan Plan”
18 budget would cut 200,000 children from Head Start; deny food
19 stamps or WIC food commodities to 1.8 million infants, children
20 and pregnant or nursing women; cut transportation financing by up
21 to \$50 billion; and cut unspecified billions from federal employee
22 pensions; and

23 **WHEREAS**, although the “Ryan Plan” is unlikely to be
24 passed by the Democrat-controlled U. S. Senate, it may be the
25 inevitable precursor to a budget deadlock in Congress, barring
26 another 11th hour compromise, and such compromise may be at the
27 expense of the most needy and helpless of our citizens; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in response to the passage of the “Ryan Plan,”
29 the White House has stated that the Republican plan provides huge

1 tax cuts for “the wealthy that are paid for by veterans and seniors
2 and the middle class;” and

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

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
10 people of Guam, does hereby request that the Congress of the
11 United States ensure that the Federal Medicare, Medicaid and Food
12 Stamps programs all be fully and adequately funded in the Fiscal
13 Year 2013 Federal Budget, consistent with previous year budgets;
14 and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
16 people of Guam, does hereby request that the Congress ensure that
17 the Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 be maintained at current
18 levels of coverage for children, seniors, the ill, the disabled, and
19 individuals of limited means, for the 50 states and all insular areas
20 of the United States; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the
22 Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
23 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
24 transmitted to the Honorable Joe Biden, Vice President of the
25 United States and President of the United States Senate; John
26 Boehner, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
27 States; to Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam’s Delegate to the United
28 States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
29 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
ON THE TH DAY OF APRIL, 2012.**

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Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary