

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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Telena Cruz Nelson	Relative to calling for a pause on construction and pre-construction activities related to the U.S. Department of the Navy's proposed Live-Fire Training Range Complex at Northwest Field until final determinations are made by the U.S. Department of Defense as to the series of associated live-fire training ranges in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and all related active litigation is resolved, in order to ensure the protection of the environmental and cultural resources of the northern coastline of Guam.	9/15/17 9:01 a.m.		9/26/17 9/28/17	9/15/2017	To Author.	9/22/17 4:00 p.m.	9/25/17 3:48 p.m.	

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Resolution No. 228-34 (COR)

As substituted on the Floor.

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA***
2 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, on September 20, 2010, the U.S. Department of the Navy
4 (Navy) issued its Record of Decision (2010 ROD) based on the Final Environmental
5 Impact Study (FEIS) issued earlier that year, pursuant to which the U.S. Department
6 of Defense (DoD) would relocate approximately eight thousand six hundred (8,600)

1 Marines from Okinawa to Guam and, as part of that process, construct and operate
2 a series of live-fire training ranges not only in Guam but throughout the Marianas;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, shortly after the release of the ROD, the Navy reassessed the
5 nature of and need for said live-fire training ranges, culminating in the release in
6 2015 of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), evaluating
7 alternate locations for the development of a life-fire training range complex on
8 Guam, a decision the Navy had deferred in 2010; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Navy stated it would analyze the impacts of the relocated
10 Marines' live-fire training ranges on Tinian and Pagan in an entirely separate EIS,
11 namely the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military
12 Training Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS) – a draft of which was issued
13 in April 2015; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in August 2015, the Navy issued another Record of Decision
15 (2015 ROD) based on the SEIS. This second ROD reaffirmed the Navy's 2010
16 decision to relocate Marines from Okinawa to the Marianas despite the lack of
17 analysis of the live-fire training ranges on Tinian and Pagan; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in February 2016, the Navy announced its plan to issue a revised
19 draft CJMT EIS, which has yet to be released; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2016, Earthjustice, representing concerned citizens
21 groups in the CNMI, filed a lawsuit under the National Environmental Policy Act
22 (NEPA) in the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands,
23 alleging, *inter alia*, that the proposed live-fire training ranges in Guam and the
24 CNMI were "cumulative and connected actions" under NEPA, which should have

1 been considered under a single EIS, and that the Navy had failed to consider
2 alternatives in compliance with federal law; and

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the aforementioned legal
4 questions should be fully disposed of by the appropriate courts, and final
5 determinations made by the DoD as to the series of associated live-fire training
6 ranges in both Guam and the CNMI, in order to avoid potential irreversible impacts
7 to the environmental and cultural resources of the northern coastline of Guam,
8 including, but not limited to, one thousand (1,000) acres of pristine limestone forests;
9 now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, call for a pause on construction and pre-
12 construction (including, but not limited to, clearing, grading, and removing
13 activities) related to the U.S. Department of the Navy's proposed Live-Fire Training
14 Range Complex at Northwest Field until final determinations are made by the U.S.
15 Department of Defense as to the series of associated live-fire training ranges in
16 Guam and the CNMI, and all related active litigation is resolved, in order to ensure
17 the protection of the environmental and cultural resources of the northern coastline
18 of Guam; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
20 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, urge the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
21 *Maga'låhen Guåhan*, and the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to
22 the United States Congress, to join with *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in this call for a
23 pause on construction and pre-construction activities related to the U.S. Department
24 of the Navy's proposed Live-Fire Training Range Complex at Northwest Field, for
25 the reasons stated herein; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the U.S.
3 Department of the Interior; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate
4 to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
5 *Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary