

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
223-35 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth(25th) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.	9/27/19 4:38 p.m.	10/5/19 10:45 a.m.	10/2/19 2:22 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the people of Palau and the people of Guam share more than four thousand (4,000) years of history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Palauans first greeted British traders and government officials visiting in the eighteenth (18th) century, followed by the influence-expanding Spaniards in the nineteenth (19th) century. Spain claimed the rights over Palau and other Micronesian islands in 1885 after Pope Leo XIII, to avert war between the two (2) countries, issued the Protocol of Rome granting sovereignty to Spain, and gave to Germany the rights to do business and enter ports in the region. By 1899, financially exhausted with administering colonies in Micronesia, Spain sold the island groups except for Guam to Germany for Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000); and

WHEREAS, control of the Micronesian islands, including Palau, was legally granted to Japan in 1920 as a mandate at the Paris Peace Conference by the League of Nations after World War I. After the historic battles of Peleliu and Angaur and the defeat of Japan by the United States in World War II, the United States gained control of what was then called the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands through the United Nations (UN) in 1947 as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), with Palau administered as one (1) of the three (3) island groups' six (6) districts; and

WHEREAS, after forty-seven (47) years as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the leaders of Palau opted for separation from the other island areas in a special referendum in 1978; and on July 9, 1980, the Palau constitution was ratified, and Palau held its first constitutional elections, thereby creating the Republic of Palau; and

WHEREAS, Palau gained self-government by way of its Constitution and entered into a Compact of Free Association with the United States, which was approved in 1993 by the people of the Republic of Palau after a number of referendums and an amendment to the nuclear-free clause of the Palau Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in May 1994, the United Nations Trusteeship Council issued a resolution requesting the government of the United States, in consultation with the government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about October 1, 1994 for the full entry into force of the Compact of Free Association; and in July 1994, the President of the United States, the Honorable William J. Clinton, reaffirmed October 1, 1994, as the effective date of the Compact, provided that all legal challenges to the Compact had been resolved; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau joined the United Nations as its one hundred eighty-fifth (185th) member, and took its seat in the U.N. in December 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau is an island nation in the northwest Pacific Ocean, located east of the Philippines, and perched on the Kyushu-Palau Ridge. The westernmost cluster of the Caroline Islands consists of twenty (20) large islands and five hundred sixty-six (566) smaller islands, and it is one of the youngest and least populated nations; and

WHEREAS, Koror or "Oreor," the largest state in Palau, is where seventy percent (70%) of the Republic's population live, and is the place that hosts the most annual festivities and special events for the island nation; and it had served as the capital of Palau from its independence in 1994 to 2006, when the capital was moved to Ngerulmud in Melekeok; and

WHEREAS, Palau was named as the number one (#1) "Underwater Wonder of the World" by Conservation, Education, Diving, Awareness and Marine-Research (CEDAM) International, an organization of divers, marine scientists, and conservationists. Spectacular scuba diving locales, with coral reefs, blue holes, World War II wrecks, hidden caves and tunnels, and over sixty (60) vertical drop-offs are found in Palau, where three (3) major ocean currents meet to create an environment of abundance and enormous variety of marine life; and the waters surrounding the Rock Islands literally teem with over one thousand five hundred (1,500) varieties of reef and pelagic fish, and more than four (4) times the number of coral species found in the Caribbean Sea; and

WHEREAS, after World War II when the Naval security clearance was lifted, many Palauans moved to Guam so that they could work and further their education, and they brought their culture of hard work, respect, and the respect of family and traditions to Guam; and

WHEREAS, Palauans living on Guam continued to have their social and customary gatherings on Guam and built two (2) community meeting houses, or *abai*, in the mid-1970s in the *Harmon* cliffline area. Organizing themselves as the Palau Community Association of Guam (PCAG), Palauans held softball tournaments and a myriad of cultural and social activities at the *abai* until the early 1990s, when the land was returned to the original landowners and they were forced to vacate their *abai*; and

WHEREAS, the PCAG continues to show its commitment to helping others and keeping Guam clean and beautiful by maintaining the Eagles Field and the softball field in *Mangilao*, participating in Matson's *Adahi I Tano'* cleanup program, participating in the Roadway Adoption Program, and adopting several bus stops; and

WHEREAS, members of the Palauan community have continued to enrich the cultural diversity we experience here on Guam, and they endow our island with their unique and collective strength; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth (25th) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commend them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Palauan Community Association of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.


 TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
 Speaker


 RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
 Chair, Committee on Rules


 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



Step for 10.3.19



Office of the Speaker
TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
I Mina' Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan



October 3, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members
35th Guam Legislature

FROM: Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

SUBJECT: Presentation of Resolution 223-35 (COR)


Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation for **Resolution No. 223-35 (COR)**.

Resolution No. 223-35 (COR), Relative to congratulating the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan Community in recognizing and commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau.

The presentation will take place, **Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 10:45 AM** at the **Palau Cultural Center, Lada Estate, Dededo, Guam**. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'



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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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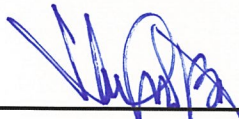
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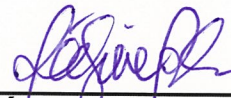
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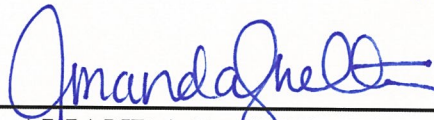
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Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

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Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

COMMITTEE ON RULES
I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 223-35 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth (25th) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chair					
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	<i>TJR</i>	10/2/19	✓		
Vice-Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		
Senator James C. Moylan Minority Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	via evote	10/2/19	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: *TJR*
Staff Contact Person: Matthew Makrpeace

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8 Certified _____ Returned _____
Name: Roy Dwinata
Date: _____
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