

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN***:

3 **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1968, the Chicago Park District and the Joseph P. 4
4 Kennedy, Jr. Foundation endorsed the First International Special Olympics 5 Games
5 held in Chicago’s Solider Field, hosting one thousand (1,000) athletes 6 with special
6 needs from twenty-six (26) states and Canada completing in track 7 and field, floor
7 hockey and aquatics; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Congresswomen Madeleine Bordallo and Mrs. Delfina Baza were
9 instrumental in bringing about awareness with the establishment of Special Olympics
10 Guam, a non-profit organization in 1976, and in 1977 held its first Special Olympics
11 games at John F. Kennedy High School with over one hundred and fifty (150) athletes
12 participating in various sports; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the mission of Special Olympics Guam is to provide year round
2 sports training and competition on a variety Olympic-type sports for individuals with
3 special needs, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness,
4 demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and
5 friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the ultimate goal of Special Olympics Guam is to help children and
7 adults with mental retardation, physical, learning and emotional disabilities achieve
8 dignity and self-worth by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate
9 their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the
10 public’s awareness of the capabilities and needs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam athletes participated in the Hawaiian State
12 Games in 1978, in the 5th International Summer Special Olympics Games held at the
13 State University of New York in 1977, and in 1980, Guam because the first “foreign”
14 team to participate in the Hong Kong State Games; and

15 **WHEREAS**, our Special Olympics Guam continues to participate in off-island
16 Olympics, including the 8th International Summer Special Olympics Games held in
17 Minneapolis, Minnesota, one of the largest special sporting events in the world
18 consisting of six thousand (6,000) athletes from more than one hundred (100) countries;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the island community, government, and corporate organizations
21 have supported Special Olympics Guam for many years by providing more games and
22 opportunities to improve services and treatment and establishing a more just
23 community; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, the First Annual Law Enforcement Torch run was created
25 for the island community to foster closer relations and familiarity with the heroism of

1 our cur athletes, who continue to face many challenges, but with their high spirits are
2 able to prevail and continue to improve their way of life; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend Special Olympics Guam for advocating for
5 the needs and the potential of individuals with physical and developmental disabilities
6 through the “Special Olympics Games”; and be it further;

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
8 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Francisco
9 Florig, President and CEO, Special Plympics Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A.
10 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF MONTH 2020.

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary