

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 335-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING STATEHOOD FOR THE
PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON D.C.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the nation that is built on the spirit of patriotism and unity, sadly
4 denies equal political rights to the residents of Washington D.C. and Guam in the U.S.
5 Congress. Both our delegates do not have a vote on the final passage of legislation, and
6 unlike D.C., Guam has no votes in the Electoral College. Both the residents of D.C. and
7 Guam lack many fundamental rights afforded to citizens of the fifty states, including
8 full Congressional representation; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Guam and D.C. both served in the past wars and
10 contributed dearly with their lives in making this nation strong- are still unrepresented
11 and denied citizenship equality; deprived of their own star in that sacred flag we hold
12 so dearly; and

13 **WHEREAS**, no other nation in the world denies right to self-governance –
14 including lack of participation and access in the practice of our political rights in the
15 United States Congress by the Framers of the Constitution of the United States –
16 represents serious breaches of universal and human rights, violating Article 2 of the
17 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights that “*no distinction shall be*

1 *made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country*
2 *or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-*
3 *governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty;” and*

4 **WHEREAS**, unlike Guam, the residents of Washington, D.C. pay more in total
5 federal income tax than residents of 22 other states but have no say over how those tax
6 dollars are spent; and

7 **WHEREAS**, although the people of Guam has yet to decide on a political status,
8 Washington, D.C. residents affirmed their desire to become a state, and 86% of voters
9 supported Statehood in a publicly sponsored plebiscite in 2016; and

10 **WHEREAS**, D.C. residents continue to express their support for D.C. Statehood
11 by voting to elect non-voting shadow US Senators and Representatives, in publicly
12 sponsored elections; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Guam and Washington D.C. both functions and perform all the
14 duties that is assigned to states, like administration, health and public services that also
15 serves active duty members in the region; and

16 **WHEREAS**, we exist in a so-called democracy where our voices are oppressed-
17 however, Guam is not alone in the fight to be heard; now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that recognizing the history of our nation’s foundation on the
19 principle of the rights of all people to self-government that *I Liheslaturan Guahan*
20 supports statehood for the people of Washington, D.C. to govern themselves without
21 congressional interference and call upon the United States Congress and the American
22 people to make Washington, D.C. the 51st State in the United States of America; and be
23 it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
26 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas,

1 Congressman, United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Carolyn
2 Maloney, Chairwoman on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform; The
3 Honorable Jim McGovern, Chairman on the House Committee on Rules; The
4 Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives; The Honorable
5 Mitch McConnell, Republican Leader of Senate; The Honorable Eleanor Homes
6 Norton, Congresswoman, United States House of Representatives; The Honorable Paul
7 Strauss, Shadow Senator, United States Senate; Ralph Bunche, General-Secretary,
8 Unrepresented Nations & Peoples Organization; Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Executive
9 Director of the Commission on Decolonization; and to the Honorable Lourdes Leon
10 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary