

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

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359-35 (COR)	Clynton E. Ridgell	Relative to recognizing Mr. Jeff Pleadwell for providing civilian first response rescue efforts to the people of Guam and tourists, for over forty (40) years and commending him for his personal contributions in upgrading rescue equipment and updating methods to assist the process in decreasing response time.	7/29/20 1:32 p.m.							

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**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

Clynton E. Ridgell 

**Relative to recognizing Mr. Jeff Pleadwell for providing civilian first response rescue efforts to the people of Guam and tourists, for over forty (40) years and commending him for his personal contributions in upgrading rescue equipment and updating methods to assist the process in decreasing response time.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** Jeff Pleadwell was born and raised in Hingham, Massachusetts. In  
4 1962, when Mr. Pleadwell was only fourteen (14) years old, his father secured a position  
5 at the Piti Power Plant as a civil service employee, and their family moved to Guam to  
6 live for the next five (5) years; and

7        **WHEREAS,** when Mr. Pleadwell was twenty-five (25) years old, he felt a  
8 yearning to return to the “island life,” and returned to Guam. Mr. Pleadwell worked for  
9 the Bank of Hawaii for two-and-a half (2 ½) years and moved on to work at The Crow’s  
10 Nest Restaurant for a total of three (3) years, two (2) of which was spent at the Guam  
11 location, and one (1) year at the Saipan location. He subsequently moved back to Guam  
12 and worked for KATB radio station as a sales manager for six (6) years. In 1979, Jeff  
13 and a few investors purchased “Pirate’s Cove” from the widow of former Navy Chief  
14 Jimmy Cruz and renamed it to what is now, “Jeff’s Pirates Cove”; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Jeff’s Pirates Cove is located in the South Eastern part of the island  
2 and sits alongside the ocean in the village of Ipan, Talofofu. The shoreline of Jeff’s  
3 Pirates Cove is a popular spot that is frequented by fishermen, swimmers, and marine  
4 sports enthusiasts. Although the ocean is a public asset, Mr. Pleadwell and his staff see  
5 it as their duty to be stewards of the sea; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Jeff’s Pirates Cove is a well frequented establishment because of  
7 its location and the environment that it sits within. Over the years, Mr. Pleadwell and  
8 his staff have familiarized themselves with the local waters and weather conditions in  
9 the area. The Togcha channel that leads out to the open ocean is rough and has been  
10 described as being like a “washing machine.” The dangerous currents in this area make  
11 it very difficult for fishermen, kiteboarders, and even proficient swimmers to navigate  
12 these waters safely. Mr. Pleadwell and his brave staff have often been the first  
13 responders to people who are in distress in these waters; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in the first year of operations, Mr. Pleadwell responded to a  
15 distressed swimmer utilizing the only thing he had available at the time which was a  
16 rope. Over the years, Mr. Pleadwell has improved upon his response to distressed  
17 swimmers by familiarizing himself with the procedures of contacting public rescue  
18 units and performing rescue operations with his staff in the Togcha channel. He has  
19 personally taken on this responsibility without question. Over the years, Mr. Pleadwell  
20 has invested at least sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) in upgrading and maintaining the  
21 resources and equipment needed to rescue people. Purchasing new equipment and  
22 machinery for rescues has become one of his top priorities; and

23           **WHEREAS**, Jeff’s Pirates Cove has been in business for forty (40) years.  
24 Throughout this time, Mr. Pleadwell has created, upgraded and updated many different  
25 outlets of informing the public about weather conditions. Online, real time weather  
26 conditions (at the Jeff’s Pirates Cove) is provided to the public, on his website at

1 [www.jeffspiratescove.com](http://www.jeffspiratescove.com). His rescue equipment inventory consists of two (2) one  
2 hundred and sixty (160) horsepower three- (3-) seat Ultra LX One Thousand Five  
3 Hundred cubic centimeter (1,500cc) jet skis; two (2) two- (2-) man kayaks; one (1)  
4 rescue sled; one (1) double trailer; five (5) snorkel masks; five (5) life vests; five (5)  
5 life rings; one (1) five hundred (500) foot long rope; four (4) handheld marine band  
6 radios; three (3) base stations; one (1) military binoculars; four (4) Kawasaki Mules (for  
7 beach patrol and launching jet skis); and five (5) helmets, totaling over sixty thousand  
8 (\$60,000) dollars in value. This personal investment has been put towards the public's  
9 safety to ensure that when he or his staff sees someone in distress, they are ready to  
10 respond at a moment's notice.

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, Mr. Pleadwell was presented the "Excellence in Tourism"  
12 Award by the Guam Visitors Bureau, recognizing his outstanding contribution in  
13 making Guam's beaches safer for visitors and the local community. Mr. Pleadwell has  
14 also been honorably recognized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
15 Administration (NOAA), receiving their 2010 NOAA "Environmental Hero Award,"  
16 for his commitment and significant contributions to help NOAA carry out its mission;  
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, the staff of Jeff's Pirates Cove have saved over fifty (50) lives  
19 during the forty (40) years they have been in operation. They put their lives on the line,  
20 because it is in their culture to be stewards of the sea. They inherently stand ready to be  
21 first responders, often putting themselves in harm's way. Their spirited efforts to save  
22 others is heartfelt, as their one goal is to give everyone a chance to live to see another  
23 day. This is their way of life as "Water Men"; now, therefore be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*  
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
26 of Guam, recognize Jeff Pleadwell for providing civilian first response rescue efforts to

1 the people of Guam and tourists, for over forty (40) years and commending him for his  
2 personal contributions in upgrading rescue equipment and updating methods to assist  
3 the process in decreasing response time; and be it further;

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify,  
5 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same  
6 be thereafter transmitted to Jeff Pleadwell; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon  
7 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.**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Speaker

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Chair, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary