I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, one hundred (100) years ago, women across the United States celebrated their victory in the fight for their basic, fundamental right to participate in their government and to pursue on equal footing a better quality of life for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, for more than seven (7) decades, women leaders from across the
United States had marched, lobbied, and fought for the right to vote; and they emerged

victorious when the Nineteenth (19th) Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed
on June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1919, and declared that "the right of citizens
of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by
any State on account of sex"; and

5 WHEREAS, the Nineteenth (19th) Amendment granted women the right to vote 6 and represented the pinnacle of the women's suffrage movement in the United States 7 which was led by the National American Women Suffrage Association (NAWSA); and

8 WHEREAS, with its passage, twenty-seven (27) million American women were 9 granted access to the ballot thus marking the largest expansion of voting rights in the 10 history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the decades-long fight for female enfranchisement was met with
 strong opposition from anti-suffrage activists, but nevertheless they persisted; and

WHEREAS, Guam was not one of the original thirty-six (36) United States 13 jurisdictions to ratify the Nineteenth (19th) Amendment, and women in Guam did not 14 15 have voting rights after its passage because they were not U.S. citizens at the time; however dating from the pre-historic era to the present, the women of Guam have 16 17 continued to lead in all facets of society, including prominent indigenous women such as, Cynthia Johnston Torres, Lagrimas Leon Guerrero Untalan, Agueda Iglesias 18 Johnston, Amanda Guzman Shelton, Concepcion Cruz Barrett, and many others who 19 were influential and significant figures in the advancement of women in Guam; and 20

WHEREAS, it is estimated that almost seventy (70) million women including those in Guam now have the right to universal suffrage because of the women and men who fought for the right to vote; now therefore, be it

WHEREAS, the People of Guam recognize the important milestone and precedent the Nineteenth (19th) Amendment represents with regard to the inalienable right to suffrage for which the citizens of the territories of the United States, to this present day, persist in their staunch support and advocacy for this and the right to proper and equal representation in government for all U.S. citizens including the over four million (4,000,000,000) Americans residing in the United States' Territories and overseas possessions; and therefore be it

5 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, 6 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the one hundredth (100th) year anniversary 7 celebration of the passage of the Nineteenth (19th) Amendment to the United States 8 Constitution which provides equal voting rights to American men and women; and 9 commend the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements built by our 10 courageous women whose contributions have paved the way toward progress and 11 success for all; be it further

12 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the 13 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Jayne Flores, 14 Director, Bureau of Women's Affairs; I Hagan Famalåo'an Guåhan; University of 15 Guam Women in Gender Studies Program; the American Association of University 16 Women, Guam Chapter; Soroptimist International of the Marianas; and to the 17 Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OFI MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THEDAYOF MONTH2020.

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES Speaker **RÉGINE BISCOE LEE Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

AMANDA L. SHELTON Legislative Secretary