


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**, Public Law 32-145 officially established Guam History and
4 Chamorro Heritage Day, which is observed on the first Monday of March every year,
5 and it replaced what was formerly known as Discovery Day in order to embrace
6 Chamorro history, promote the proliferation of Chamorro culture, and support native
7 inhabitants' inalienable right to self-determination; and

8 **WHEREAS**, celebrations of Chamorro culture remind our community about
9 the importance of honoring *i manaotao mo'na* (Chamorro ancestors), their language
10 and traditions, and the special connection the Chamorro people share with their sacred
11 lands. Moreover, these experiences remind us about the true importance of

1 remembering the Chamorro cultural values that have reverberated across ancient times
2 and into present day: *Inagofli'e'yan Respetu* or Respect and Harmony; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the celebration provides the community of Guam an opportunity
4 to partake in cultural performances, heritage tours, art exhibitions, Chamorro cuisine,
5 storytelling and many more opportunities to learn and therefore promote aspects of the
6 Chamorro culture, regardless of one's cultural background; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the village of Umatac hosts the annual Guam History and
8 Chamorro Heritage Day which brings community awareness of the historical value
9 and rich cultural practices of the Chamorro people; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the observance of Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day
11 reminds each of us who call Guam home of our responsibility as stewards of the land
12 and resources we have inherited from those who came before us and to commemorate
13 this obligation by celebrating their significant contributions; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
16 of Guam, recognize the observance of Guam History and Chamorro Heritage Day on
17 March 4, 2019; and does further encourage the understanding and the celebration of
18 Guam's deep-rooted history, and the enduring culture of a people that have contributed
19 to Guam's development across social, economic, political and religious lines; and be it
20 further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof: and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Melissa B. Savares, Mayor of
24 Dededo and President of the Mayors Council of Guam; to the Honorable Johnny A.
25 Quinata, Mayor of Umatac Village; to the Honorable Michael F. Q. San Nicolas,

- 1 Guam Delegate to the C.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Lourdes
- 2 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHELSTURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary