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January 16, 2019

The Honorable Tina Muna Barnes  
Speaker  
*I Mina 'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahån*  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker,

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!* Transmitted herewith for your information and file are copies of Resolution Nos. 2019-25-01, 2019-25-02, 2019-25-03, and 2019-25-04, adopted by the members of the Association of Mariana Islands' Mayors, Vice Mayors, & Elected Municipal Council members. The aforementioned Resolutions are as follows:

**Resolution No. 2019-25-01** Relative to requesting the Honorable Lourdes Aflague Leon Guerrero, Governor Of Guam, The Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, Governor of the CNMI, the Honorable Michael San Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, to Support and Encourage the 116<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress to Repeal Section 12616 of U.S. Public Law No. 115-336 and Reenact by Reinstating the clause, paragraph, and designation of letters in Title 7 U.S.C. Section 2156 as appearing before said clause, paragraph and designation of letters were stricken; and for other purposes.;

**Resolution No. 2019-25-02** Relative to expressing un mas Dangkulu na si Yuus maase and thank you to Governor Edward Calvo, John Benavente, General Manager of Guam Power Authority, and crew of GPA for coming to Saipan in its greatest time of need immediately after Super Typhoon Yutu; and for other purposes;

**Resolution No. 2019-25-03** Relative to expressing un mas Dangkulu na si Yuus maase and thank you to Governor Edward Calvo, Rear Admiral Shoshana S. Chatfield, Joint Region Marianas, Guam Army National Guard 1224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Support Company

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for coming to Saipan in its greatest time of need immediately after Super Typhoon Yutu; and for other purposes;

**Resolution No. 2019-25-04** Relative to expressing un mas Dangkulu na Si Yuus maase, thank you, and good luck to the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, outgoing president of the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors, and Elected Municipal Council Members and Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan Island, on his future endeavors in private life; and for other purposes;

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you should have any questions or comments relative to the above resolutions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



**ANGEL R. SABLAN**  
**Executive Director**

cc: File/Chrono



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**Resolution No. AMIM 2019-25-01**

**Introduced By: Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang Social-Cultural Development Committee**  
**ALL AMIM MEMBERS PRESENT**

**RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE HONORABLE LOURDES AFLAGUE LEON GUERRERO, GOVERNOR OF GUAM, THE HONORABLE RALPH DLG. TORRES, GOVERNOR OF THE CNMI, THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SAN NICOLAS, GUAM DELEGATE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE HONORABLE GREGORIO “KILILI” C. SABLAN, CNMI DELEGATE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE 116<sup>TH</sup> U.S. CONGRESS TO REPEAL SECTION 12616 OF U.S. PUBLIC LAW NO. 115-336 AND REENACT BY REINSTATING THE CLAUSE, PARAGRAPH, AND DESIGNATION OF LETTERS IN TITLE 7 U.S.C. SECTION 2156 AS APPEARING BEFORE SAID CLAUSE, PARAGRAPH AND DESIGNATION OF LETTERS WERE STRICKEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 25<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, on December 20, 2018, United States President Donald J. Trump signed into law House of Representatives 2 (“H.R. 2”), which became United States Public Law No. 115-334;

**WHEREAS**, Section 21616 of U.S. P.L. No. 115-334 amended Title 7 U.S.C. Section 2156(a) of the Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended, by striking “Except as provided in paragraph 3, it” and inserting “It” in subsection (a); by striking paragraph 3 in its entirety; by striking subsection 2156(d) in its entirety; by re-designating subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i); by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)” in subsection 2156(c); by striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)” in subsection 2156(i) as re-designated by section 21616 (3); and striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)” in Title 18 U.S.C. section 49(a);

**WHEREAS**, Section 21616 (c) expressly provides the amendments to Title 7 U.S.C. section 2156 and Title 18 U.S.C. section 49(a) shall take effect one year from the date of the enactment of H.R. 2, which was December 20, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the humble people of both Guam and the CNMI have been responsible for keeping an age old tradition alive to present day that has been a favorite pastime of said people who historically were agricultural and animal farmers;

**WHEREAS**, the game of cockfighting has been passed down from generations to generations spanning a period of more than one hundred years and has become a medium for residents from the various villages of the islands to come together to enjoy a pastime once enjoyed by their forefathers in their free time after toiling their farmlands, at annual at village fiestas, including church fiestas, and special events around the islands;

**WHEREAS**, Section 21616 of U.S. P.L. No. 115-334 would effectively prohibit any method of cockfighting in Guam and the CNMI and make any violation of the statutory prohibition a punishable offense, which include fines and imprisonment;

**WHEREAS**, Section 21616 of U.S. P.L. No. 115-334 was passed by the U.S. Congress and enacted by the U.S. president without deferring to the people of Guam and the CNMI an opportunity to offer comments, objections, support, etc. on legislation that could potentially impact the traditional, cultural, social, economic, and political way of life of the people of Guam and CNMI;

**WHEREAS**, cockfight gaming is regulated in both Guam and the CNMI and is a source of revenue for the respective islands' government coffers;

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors, and Elected Municipal Council Members, at its twenty-fourth General Assembly meeting on November 30, 2017, at Tumon, Guam, adopted Resolution No. AMIM 2017-24-03, calling on for the Honorable Edward J. Calvo, Governor of Guam, the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the CNMI, the Honorable Madeleine Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, the Honorable Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, to encourage the U.S. Congress to exempt Guam and the CNMI from U.S. Representative Peter Roskam's bill, numbered H.R. 4202, which contained proposed amendments to Title 7 U.S.C. 2156, the Animal Welfare Act of 1966, as amended;

**WHEREAS**, the recent enactment of H.R. 2 into U.S. P.L. No. 115-334, in particular the amendment to Title 7 U.S.C. Section 2156, has amplified the unified voice of all members of AMIM to take an approach that is democratically appropriate to persuade top level decision-makers, inclusive of the U.S. Congress, to reverse the action prohibiting animal fighting venture in Guam and CNMI;

**WHEREAS**, as amplified in Resolution No. AMIM 2017-24-03, animal fighting venture is regulated in both Guam and the CNMI, and assertions of abuses, potential abuses, or mistreatment of animals in Guam and the CNMI are almost unheard of; and

**WHEREAS**, cockfight licensees in Guam and the CNMI, breeders, cockers, and general population support regulated cockfighting ventures in Guam and the CNMI and have voiced their calls to their elected officials and municipal government to implore those charged with policymaking, inclusive the U.S. Congress, to repeal Section 21616 of U.S. P.L. No. 115-334, and reinstate the exemption on the applicability of Section 2156 of Title 7 U.S.C.; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the AMIM is unified on its stance that Guam and the CNMI ought to be exempted from the applicability of Title 7 U.S.C. Section 2156, as recently amended by U.S. P.L. No. 115-334; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, in unified stance, AMIM is calling on Governor Leon Guerrero, Governor Torres, U.S. Congressman San Nicolas, and U.S. Congressman Sablan to jointly develop a draft repealer to section 21616 of U.S. P.L. No. 115-334 and to reinstate the exemption granted to Guam and the CNMI in Title 7 U.S.C. section 2156 prior to it being amended by the aforementioned U.S. public law; now, therefore, be it further

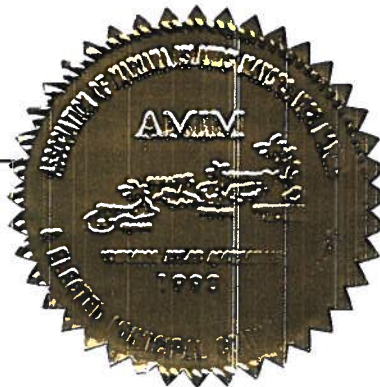
**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the CNMI, and to the President of the CNMI Senate; and to the *I Maga Haga Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam, and Chief Judge of the CNMI; and Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of CNMI; the Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE AMIM TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2019 AGAT, GUAM**

**Certified By:**



**MAYOR KEVIN J.T. SUSUICO**  
President



**Attested By:**



**MAYOR JUNE U. BLAS**  
Secretary



**Resolution No. AMIM 2019-25-02**

**Introduced By: Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang Social-Cultural Development Committee**  
**ALL AMIM MEMBERS**

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING UN MAS DANGKULU NA SI YUUS MAASE AND THANK YOU TO GOVERNOR EDWARD CALVO, JOHN BENAVENTE, GENERAL MANAGER OF GUAM POWER AUTHORITY, AND CREW OF GPA FOR COMING TO SAIPAN IN ITS GREATEST TIME OF NEED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUPER TYPHOON YUTU; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 25<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, southern Saipan and Tinian were violently leveled when Super Typhoon Yutu swept through the islands between the late hours on October 24, 2018 and late morning on October 25, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, both islands saw heavy losses to private and public property as winds up to 200 miles per hour overturned cars, toppled homes, power poles, and snapped high tension power lines;

**WHEREAS**, Guam Power Authority, within just days after Super Typhoon Yutu battered the islands, responded to the call to assist the people of Saipan and Tinian get back on their feet as they began what appeared to be an almost insurmountable task of recovery;

**WHEREAS**, Guam Power Authority mobilized its line power equipment and very experienced and highly skilled line crew to Saipan and the effort of restoring electric power in Saipan began immediately as the line crew landed on the island;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Saipan are indebted to the quick response and help extended by the Guam Power Authority as their lives slowly resumed normalcy after electric power was restored;

**WHEREAS**, the people of Saipan are further graciously indebted to the line crew of GPA for their dedication and commitment to ensure swift power restoration and for sacrificing their time away from their homes and families to help the people of Saipan; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, this Resolution be passed and adopted as an expression of sincere gratitude by the people of Saipan to Governor Calvo, Mr. John Benavente, General Manager of GPA, and the dedicated and professional line crew of GPA for their commitment to lend a hand to the people of Saipan; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be an expression of the most sincere Un Dangku Na Si Maase by the people of Saipan to the families of the GPA line crew for their unselfish sacrifices as their loved ones were temporarily assigned to Saipan to help in the restoration of the island power; now, therefore, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the CNMI, and to the President of the CNMI Senate; and to the *I Maga Haga Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam, and Chief Judge of the CNMI; and Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of CNMI; the Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress, GPA General Manager John Benavente and each member of the GPA line crew assigned to Saipan between October 2018 to December 2018.


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President



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MAYOR JUNE U. BLAS  
Secretary



Resolution No. AMIM 2019-25-03

Introduced By: Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang Social-Cultural Development Committee  
ALL AMIM MEMBERS

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING UN MAS DANGKULU NA SI YUUS MAASE AND THANK YOU TO GOVERNOR EDWARD CALVO, REAR ADMIRAL SHOSHANA S. CHATFIELD, JOINT REGION MARIANAS, GUAM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 1224<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY FOR COMING TO SAIPAN IN ITS GREATEST TIME OF NEED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUPER TYPHOON YUTU; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 25<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, southern Saipan and Tinian were violently leveled when Super Typhoon Yutu swept through the islands between the late hours on October 24, 2018 and late morning on October 25, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, both islands sustained heavy losses to private and public property as winds up to 200 miles per hour overturned cars, toppled homes and businesses, damaged public facilities, downed power poles, and snapped high tension power lines;

**WHEREAS**, Guam Governor Edward Calvo activated the Guam Army National Guard 1224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Support Company to respond to the CNMI's call for assistance in carrying out what appeared to be an impossible task of cleaning up the island of Saipan in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu;

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Army National Guard mobilized its 1124<sup>th</sup> Engineer Support Company within less than a week after Super Typhoon Yutu battered the island and left it littered with approximately hundreds of thousands of debris, which littered the landscape mostly in southern Saipan;

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Army National Guard deployed one hundred forty-six national guards and a fleet of heavy equipment to Saipan and began the daunting task of removing typhoon strewn debris from the various villages in a well-planned, systematic manner, in collaboration with the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, the Joint Region Marianas under the leadership of Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, and the offices of CNMI Governor Torres;



**WHEREAS**, the people of Saipan are graciously indebted to the Guam Army National Guard and Joint Region Marianas for being in the front line at a time when the people of Saipan needed the support to carry out post Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the CNMI, and to the President of the CNMI Senate; and to the *I Maga Haga Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam, and Chief Judge of the CNMI; and Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of CNMI; the Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress, Guam Army National Guard LT. Colonel Manuel Duenas, Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield of the Joint Region Marianas, The Adjutant General Major Roderick Leon Guerrero.


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President



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MAYOR JUNE U. BLAS  
Secretary



**Resolution No. AMIM 2019-25-04**

**Introduced By: Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang Social-Cultural Development Committee**  
**ALL AMIM MEMBERS**

**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING UN MAS DANGKULU NA SI YUUS MAASE, THANK YOU, AND GOOD LUCK TO THE HONORABLE JOEY P. SAN NICOLAS, OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MARIANA ISLANDS MAYORS, VICE MAYORS, AND ELECTED MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR OF TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN ISLAND, ON HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS IN PRIVATE LIFE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 25<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq. was elected to the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan Island in 2014 and assume official capacity as Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan Island in January 2015;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq. was elected to the seat of President of the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors, and Elected Municipal Council Members on November 18, 2016, the position he held to-date;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq. has guided the AMIM forward with a vision of unity, continuity, respect, and high morals, and has contributed valuable measures to improve the relationship between Guam and the CNMI;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq. at the helm of the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Island, navigated through the thick and thin of very complex political, social, and economic issues that knocked on the doors of the municipality that he so dearly loved and cared about;

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq. made the decision to focus his energy, skills, experience, and knowledge as a private citizen, where he could freely offer insightful alternatives to improving the livelihood, peace, and wellbeing of residents in the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Island and in the Mariana Islands as a whole; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be an expression of the most sincere Un Dangkulu Na Si Maase, Thank You, and Good Luck to the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq. on his future endeavors as he returns to private life after honorably serving as Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan and President of AMIM; now, therefore, be it further

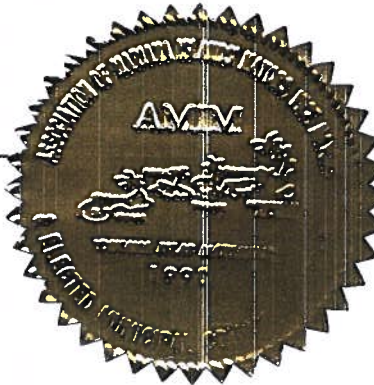
**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Secretary attest to the adoption thereof, and that certified copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq.

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the CNMI, and to the President of the CNMI Senate; and to the *I Maga Haga Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the Presiding Judge, Superior Court of Guam, and Chief Judge of the CNMI; and Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of CNMI; the Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress and to Honorable Joey P. San Nicolas, Esq.


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**Certified By:**

  
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