

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam
4 (PAG) was established as a public corporation and autonomous government agency
5 through the enactment of Public Law 13-87 in October 1975; and

6 **WHEREAS**, The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam
7 (PAG) is the largest deep-water seaport in the Western Pacific Region. As the only
8 commercial port on the island, it provides marine transportation services to local,
9 private, federal, and military customers. In addition, it is the primary transshipment hub
10 for neighboring islands in the region serving a population of more than 400,000; and

11 **WHEREAS**, with more than 90% of containerized and breakbulk commodities
12 passing through its wharves and the lifeline between Guam, the region, and the rest of
13 the world, it is critically important that the Port Authority of Guam invests in initiatives
14 that will upgrade its infrastructure, facilities, and equipment to achieve resiliency,
15 ensure supply chain sustainability, and enhance operational capacity and services; and

1 **WHEREAS**, over the past decade, the Port has grown and evolved into a world-
2 class commercial port and has successfully implemented past master plans, evidenced
3 with the recent completion of the \$50 Million Port Modernization Program, ground-
4 breaking for the Hotel Wharf Rehabilitation Project, federal funding to repair Golf Pier
5 and F1 – F6 wharves, and bond funding for several critically important capital
6 improvement projects; and

7 **WHEREAS**, over the past 5 years, the Port has invested nearly \$56 Million in
8 completed, ongoing and approved CIP projects to upgrade and modernize the sea port.
9 This includes \$8.2 Million in completed projects and \$47.7 Million in active, approved
10 or ongoing projects; AND

11 **WHEREAS**, over the past forty-eight (48) years, the Port has developed into a
12 major transshipment center for the Western Pacific Region, providing full services to
13 ocean passenger, cargo, and fishing vessels; and

14 **WHEREAS**, under the guidance and support of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero
15 and Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio, along with the PAG Board of Directors, the
16 Port has made great strides in executing modernization initiatives to provide safe and
17 uninterrupted service to Guam’s community and the neighboring islands; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Port’s 2023 Masterplan has been approved by the board and is
19 now going through public input and review for final adoption. The Master plan will
20 further enhance the Port’s core capabilities, achieve resiliency and implement new
21 strategies based on the agency’s financial, operation and sustainability needs. The Port’s
22 Masterplan defines its near-term and long-term approach to modernization, maintain
23 fiscally viable operations and promote increased awareness and consensus on its
24 approach toward becoming sustainable and more energy efficient. The updated Master
25 Plan will modernize facilities and services while recognizing the evolving priorities of
26 Guam’s community and the Western Pacific Region; and

1 **WHEREAS**, looking forward, the Port continues to develop its maintenance and
2 capital improvement projects, however, the new Master Plan pivots to a focus on
3 Geopolitical issues. Shifting from a modernization mode to a now more pronounced
4 resiliency and readiness mode of management, infrastructure hardening and operation,
5 the Port has established improved relationships with key stakeholders and meets
6 regularly with DOD officials on their needs as tensions in our region continue to rise;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Port sustains the economies of the Western Pacific Region as
9 the lifeline to the rest of the world and plays a central role in providing critical support
10 for military readiness in the context of the Department of Defense’s Indo-Pacific
11 Strategy and the Pacific Deterrence Initiatives. As such, the Port’s impact on the quality
12 and sustenance of life for the island, the region and our entire nation cannot be
13 understated; and now therefore be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby,
15 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the observance of “National Maritime Day”
16 on May 22, 2023; and commend the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority
17 of Guam employees, management, Board of Directors for their commitment to the
18 growth of our island’s seaport;and it be further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
20 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be there transmitted to the Jose D. Leon
21 Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam; and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
22 Guerrero, *I Maga’hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE ____ DAY OF MAY 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Committee on Rules, Chairperson

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary