

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**  
**VOTING RECORD**

Resolution No. 234-37 (LS)	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building January 26, 2024					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

**TOTAL**

**15**

**0**

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Aye

Nay

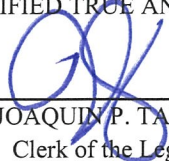
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



JOAQUIN P. TAITAGUE  
Clerk of the Legislature

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson  
Jesse A. Lujan  
Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas  
Joe S. San Agustin  
Roy A. B. Quinata  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**Relative to expressing the support of the people of Guam for the Republic of the Philippines' legitimate and historical claim to the West Philippine Sea, reaffirming the crucial role of International Law, and acknowledging the invaluable ties and common history between Guam and the Philippines.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the West Philippine Sea, a semi-enclosed sea located in the  
4 southwestern part of the South China Sea, holds tremendous strategic, economic, and  
5 environmental significance, not just for its surrounding nations, but for the international  
6 community; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines, based on its historical records,  
8 archaeological evidence, and legal instruments, possesses enduring claims over  
9 territories and maritime zones within the West Philippine Sea, notably the Spratly  
10 Islands, Scarborough Shoal, and their adjacent waters; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS),  
2 to which both the Republic of the Philippines and the United States of America are  
3 signatories, establishes the legal framework that delineates the rights and  
4 responsibilities of nations in their use of the world's oceans, emphasizing the principle  
5 of freedom of navigation, overflight, and the peaceful use of the seas; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague,  
7 acknowledging the principles set by UNCLOS, ruled overwhelmingly in favor of the  
8 Philippines, declaring that China's expansive "nine-dash line" claim over the South  
9 China Sea has no legal basis and confirmed the Philippines' sovereign rights over its  
10 exclusive economic zone and continental shelf in the West Philippine Sea; and

11           **WHEREAS**, regional stability in the Pacific and the broader international  
12 community is contingent upon the respect for, and adherence to, international law,  
13 including the resolution of territorial and maritime disputes through peaceful means,  
14 without resorting to threat or use of force whereby the attempt to seize the West  
15 Philippine Sea from the Philippines is an act of maritime colonialism; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Guam is deeply concerned by the increasing environmental  
17 degradation in one of the world's most biodiverse marine ecosystems, where dredging  
18 and construction activities have led to the direct loss of over three thousand (3,000)  
19 acres of coral reefs, endangering species dependent on these habitats and affecting  
20 fishery resources. Dredging has increased water turbidity, threatening marine life by  
21 blocking sunlight, affecting photosynthesis in marine plants, and potentially harming  
22 fish larvae and other marine organisms; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the unique geographical position of Guam underscores the  
24 importance of cultivating and nurturing harmonious relations with its neighboring  
25 nations and territories in the Pacific, advocating for peaceful resolutions and mutual  
26 understanding; and

1           **WHEREAS**, a multitude of shared experiences, from trade, education,  
2 healthcare, cultural exchanges, and familial ties, have fostered an environment of  
3 mutual respect, trust, and camaraderie between Guam and the Philippines; and

4           **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature) stands firmly in  
5 support of the Republic of the Philippines in its rightful and historic claim to the West  
6 Philippine Sea as affirmed by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, and  
7 emphasizes the paramount importance of upholding international law; now therefore,  
8 be it

9           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
10 on behalf of the people of Guam, express the support of the people of Guam for the  
11 Republic of the Philippines' legitimate and historical claim to the West Philippine Sea,  
12 reaffirm the crucial role of International Law, and acknowledge the invaluable ties and  
13 common history between Guam and the Philippines; and be it further

14           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
15 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency  
16 Ferdinand "Bongbong" Romualdez Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the  
17 Philippines; His Excellency Jose Manuel "Babe" del Gallego Romualdez, Philippine  
18 Ambassador to the United States; the Honorable Enrique A. Manalo, Secretary of  
19 Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines; the Honorable Patrick John U.  
20 Hilado, Consul General of the Philippines on Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A.  
21 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE      DAY OF 2024.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary