

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2010 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 459-30 (COR)

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Relative to congratulating the dedicated employees, management, and the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority on the celebration of their Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary, and on the observance of "Port Week", on October 18 to 22, 2010.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 1975, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority
4 (Port) was established as a public corporation and an autonomous
5 government agency by Public Law 13-87; and

6 **WHEREAS**, over the last three (3) decades, the Port has developed into
7 a major trans-shipment center for the Western Pacific, providing full services
8 to ocean passenger, cargo and fishing vessels that have called upon Guam's
9 sole seaport; and

10 **WHEREAS**, with nearly two million (2,000,000) revenue tons of cargo
11 and ninety-four thousand (94,000) containers inspected and transported
12 across its docks in 2009, the Port is essential and critical to Guam's economy
13 and public welfare because of our island's limited natural resources and our
14 dependence on imported goods, including fuel, medical supplies, equipment,
15 perishable and non-perishable goods, and raw materials; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the three hundred forty-six (346) dedicated and hard-
17 working Port employees handle the Port's operations as stevedores, cargo
18 checkers, equipment operators, accountants, tariff specialists, administrative
19 staff and managers for the five (5) cargo handling piers, the container yard,
20 two (2) fuel piers, two (2) marinas, and a harbor of refuge; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Port annually services more than one thousand (1,000)
2 vessels from around the world, to include foreign-flagged cargo vessels and
3 fishing vessels; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Port has been awarded more than Ten Million Dollars
5 (\$10,000,000) in federal grants from the Department of Homeland Security and
6 the Department of Interior for various projects, to include security systems, a
7 Maritime and Port Security Operations Center, repairs at the *Hagåtña* and *Agat*
8 Marinas, environmental assessments, and the A/E designs for its wharf
9 modernization projects; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the full implementation of the revised Personnel Rules and
11 Regulations for the Port raised its employee salaries closer to that of U.S.
12 national standards; and

13 **WHEREAS**, seeing an influx of passenger vessels arriving on Guam, the
14 Port launched Operation Starboard, a program that allows vendors to sell
15 local products along the Port’s dockside, which contributes to Guam’s tourism
16 industry; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Public Law 30-52 placed the Port’s tariffs under the
18 oversight of the Public Utilities Commission, thereby providing a venue for
19 the Port to adjust its tariffs; and

20 **WHEREAS**, great strides have been made with the development and
21 progress of the Port Modernization Program since funding for Phase IA of the
22 Program has been identified: \$50 Million Dollars from DOD appropriations

1 through HR 4899, and \$54.4 Million Dollars through a direct loan from USDA;
2 and the Port Authority of Guam, Parsons Brinckerhoff-OAE, MARAD, and
3 EA Engineering, Sciences and Technology-PMT, are all working
4 collaboratively to ensure the successful implementation of the Port
5 Modernization Program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Port’s Board of Directors, management and employees
7 stand committed to delivering Guam’s cargo in a timely and efficient manner,
8 and to moving forward with the recommendations outlined in the Master
9 Plan Updates to transform the Port Authority of Guam into a modern facility;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
12 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, congratulate and commend the dedicated employees,
14 management and the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port
15 Authority on the celebration of their Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary, and on
16 the observance of “Port Week”, on October 18 to 22, 2010; and does further
17 encourage the people of our island to actively participate in the many
18 activities relating to the Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary Celebration; and be it
19 further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
21 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
22 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Enrique J.S. Agustin,

- 1 General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority; to Mr. Monte
- 2 Mesa, Chairman of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority Board of
- 3 Directors; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary