






I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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148-36 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Telena Cruz Nelson Amanda L. Shelton James C. Moylan Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to commending and congratulating the State Partnership Program between Guam and the Republic of the Philippines on the Twentieth (20th) Anniversary; and to further recognizing the importance and accomplishments of this State Partnership Program; and to express <i>Un Dangolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> for their continued support and safe-guard of our people of Guam and the republic of the Philippines.	8/12/21 8:00 a.m.	TBA						

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

3 **WHEREAS, the State Partnership Program is a Joint Department of Defense**
4 **security cooperation program that began in 1993 and is administered by the National**
5 **Guard Bureau. It seeks to link a State's National Guard with a partner nation's**
6 **military, security forces, and disaster response organizations in a cooperative,**
7 **mutually beneficial relationship. It is a crucial US security cooperation tool,**
8 **facilitating cooperation across all aspects of international civil-military affairs and**
9 **encouraging people-to-people ties at the state level; and**

10 **WHEREAS, Guam and the Philippines have had a significant long-term**
11 **military relationship that has strengthen alliances, enhance interoperability, reassure**

1 allies, deter adversaries, and build partner capacity to meet emerging challenges
2 across the spectrum of military operations through the State Partnership Program; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this year marks the 20th Anniversary of Guam and the Philippines
4 state partnership. Beginning in 2001, the Guam-Philippines State Partnership focuses
5 on civil-military operations, professional development, humanitarian assistance and
6 disaster response (HADR), and humanitarian assistance and disaster response subject
7 matter expertise exchanges (SMEE) in partnership with the Defense Threat Reduction
8 Agency, among others; and

9 **WHEREAS**, to mark this 20th Anniversary, we are honored to have with us
10 representatives from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP): Major General
11 Eugenio Hernandez, Colonel Gregory Docil, Colonel Lloyd Cabacungan, Colonel Rey
12 Bes, Colonel Jaime Datuin, Col Vicente Ronatay, Major Jerome Jabagat, and Chief
13 Master Sergeant Nida Domingo; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since 2001, the State Partnership Program between Guam and the
15 Philippines has made great strides in its achievements, conducting medical and dental
16 missions, engineer subject matter exchanges, senior staff exchanges, and professional
17 development training. Through the State Partnership Program, the Guam-Philippines
18 state partnership performed thousands of services and projects such as medical and
19 dental missions, optical services, as well as construction and renovations of schools;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, The Philippines remains a strategic ally and partner to the island
22 and the US, committing to investing in high-quality US defense equipment as they
23 modernize their force and conclude a General Security Information Agreement
24 (GSOMIA); and

25 **WHEREAS**, The Guam-Philippines state partnership has seen the Guam
26 National Guard contributing their cooperation to assisting the Armed Forces of the

1 Philippines through various subject matter expert exchanges and training programs to
2 help prepare the AFP in carrying out operations against domestic insurgency and
3 radical terrorist groups; and

4 **WHEREAS**, through the State Partnership Program, Guam, the Philippines,
5 and Hawaii have been able to conduct subject matter expertise exchanges with regards
6 to health and safety practices for COVID-19 and addressing the best way to conduct a
7 COVID-19 response for the military, as well as integrating that response within the
8 civilian sector. Through these subject matter expertise exchanges, Guam, Philippines,
9 and Hawaii have thoroughly discussed basic tactics in handling a COVID-19
10 response, such as encouraging social distancing, practicing proper hygiene, utilizing
11 limited lockdowns, conducting mass testing, and communicating effectively with
12 civilian medical planners. It is through this State Partnership Program that we can
13 validate the relationships the partners have been building with one another, as well as
14 with the civilian health care entities in each nation and state, especially during this
15 global health crisis; and

16 **WHEREAS**, As we mark this year as the 20th Anniversary of the Guam-
17 Philippines state partnership, we both strive and look forward to our continued
18 partnership and cooperation. Through this State Partnership Program, both Guam and
19 the Philippines have achieved goals that neither can reach alone. While we as partners
20 have achieved so much, there is still much more room for opportunities to work and
21 learn together; therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
23 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commemorate the 20th Anniversary of
24 the Guam-Philippines State Partnership, commend the achievements and
25 accomplishments that we together have realized through this partnership, and that as

1 we continue to build long-lasting relationships with one another, continue to grow and
2 learn together for many more years to come; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Major
5 General Eugenio V. Hernandez of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; the Honorable
6 Patrick John U. Hilado, Consul General of the Office of the Philippine Consulate
7 General of Hagatña, Guam; Major General Esther Aguiqui, Adjutant General of the
8 Guam National Guard; and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
9 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF MONTH YYYY.**

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Speaker

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Hafa Adai,

Please see the attached resolution for introduction by Speaker Therese Terlaje- Relative to commending and congratulating the State Partnership Program between Guam and the Republic of the Philippines on the Twentieth (20th) Anniversary; and to further recognizing the importance and accomplishments of this State Partnership Program; and to express *Un Dangolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for their continued support and safe-guard of our people of Guam and the Republic of the Philippines.

Presentation Information:
To be announced

Respectfully,
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