






**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**  
3 ***WHEREAS* on March 20, 2020, I Maga'hågan Guåhan issued Executive Order**  
4 **2020-04, Relative to responding to confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-**  
5 **19) that placed restriction on movement, social interaction, and business activity;**  
6 **and,**

1 **WHEREAS** with Executive Order 2020-04, entry into Guam was restricted to  
2 travelers who possessed a Department of Public Health and Social Services  
3 recognized and certified document attesting they are not infected with COVID-19;  
4 and,  
5 **WHEREAS** because countries (Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Taiwan) Guam has  
6 identified as source tourism markets were too dealing with the devastating effects of  
7 COVID-19, tourist travels from these countries came to a halt; and,  
8 **WHEREAS** in Fiscal Year 2019 and prior to the pandemic, the number of tourists  
9 who visited Guam was 1,631,049. However, the arrivals drastically declined since  
10 then to a reported 46,670 visitors for Fiscal Year 2021 (up to July), a 93.8% decrease  
11 in tourists; and,  
12 **WHEREAS** the tourism industry makes up about 60% of Guam's economy,  
13 employing over 20,000 of our island's residents; and,  
14 **WHEREAS** businesses and employees that make up our tourism industry were the  
15 most affected by COVID-19. There were more layoffs and more business closures  
16 in the visitor industry than in any other industry in 2020 and 2021.  
17 **WHEREAS** the tourism industry can be separated into four distinct components;  
18 Travel (agent, website, and airlines), Hotel, Restaurant, and Attraction  
19 (transportation, attractions, and retail sales); and,  
20 **WHEREAS** the travel and restaurant components have received specific federal  
21 disaster funding assistance through the CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan;  
22 and,  
23 **WHEREAS** most hotels are part of major conglomerates under foreign ownerships  
24 that have managed to endure the financial stress of the pandemic through  
25 government funded quarantine and military exercise accommodations; and,  
26 **WHEREAS** while Guam's tourist transportation services, attraction venues, and  
27 retail stores have been able to receive assistance through pandemic assistance

1 programs such as the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster  
2 Loan (EIDL), and the Guam Economic Development Authority's Small Business  
3 Pandemic Assistance, and their employees were availed the assistance through  
4 programs such as the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Supplemental  
5 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the ALL RISE Act, these programs only  
6 provide short-term relief that have since or will soon expire; and,

7 **WHEREAS** it had not nor could have been anticipated that the pandemic conditions  
8 would continue past the timeframe it was originally thought to be able to recover  
9 and regain a sense of normalcy; and,

10 **WHEREAS** Guam's tourist attraction venues, transportation services, and retail  
11 outlets are vital components to attracting tourists to our island and entertaining the  
12 expected amount of military personnel to be stationed or temporarily deployed here  
13 because of the military buildup; and,

14 **WHEREAS** the businesses comprising the attraction component of Guam's tourism  
15 industry lost up to 90% of their revenue in 2020 as compared to 2019, and up to  
16 100% in 2021; and,

17 **WHEREAS** the Guam Visitors Bureau has asked all components of the industry to  
18 reopen or remain open to aid in their efforts to revitalize the tourist market on Guam.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT:**

20 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan requests, on behalf  
21 of Guam's tourism industry, I Maga'Hagan Guåhan to consider establishing a  
22 Tourist Attraction Rescue Plan (TARP) and providing at least \$60 million in funding  
23 assistance from the 2021 American Rescue Plan, the 2020 CARES Act, or other  
24 federally or locally funded pandemic assistance funding made available to Guam;  
25 and, be it further

26 **RESOLVED** that I Mina'Trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan encourages I  
27 Maga'Hagan Guåhan to direct the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Guam Economic

1 Development Authority, and any other relevant entity to assist Guam's tourism  
2 industry to remain open or ready themselves for opening when tourists are allowed  
3 to visit our island again; and, be it further

4 **RESOLVED** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
5 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Honorable Carl  
6 T.C. Gutierrez, former Governor and President of the Guam Visitors Bureau, Ms.  
7 Melanie Mendiola, Administrator of the Guam Economic Development Authority,  
8 and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'Hågan Guåhan.