

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
192-36 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson Christopher M. Dueñas Tina Rose Muña Barnes Joe S. San Agustin Amanda L. Shelton Frank Blas, Jr. Therese M. Terlaje James C. Moylan Sabina Flores Perez Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Mary Camacho Torres	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the employees, management, and Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG) on the observance of "Port Week" from October 18 to October 22, 2021, and the celebration of its Forty-Sixth (46th) Year Anniversary; and commending PAG for their service and dedication to our island community.	10/13/21 8:40 a.m.	10/18/21 8:00 a.m.	10/15/21 9:31 a.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINATRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Minatrentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the employees, management, and Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG) on the observance of "Port Week" from October 18 to October 22, 2021, and the celebration of its Forty-sixth (46th) Year Anniversary; and commend PAG for their service and dedication to our island community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and that the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rory J. Respcio, General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port; to Mr. Francisco G. Santos, Chairman of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Board of Directors; and to the Honorable Landales A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mang'bigan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINATRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary





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October 15, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

To: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media  
From: Senator Telena Cruz Nelson   
Subject: **Virtual Presentation Notice**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!* Please join us for the presentation for the following:

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The presentation will take place on **Monday, October 18, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.**, during the Governor’s Proclamation signing of “Port Week” and presented by Senator Mary Camacho Torres, Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Border Safety and Maritime Transportation.

The presentation can be viewed on the Governor’s Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/govlougum/>.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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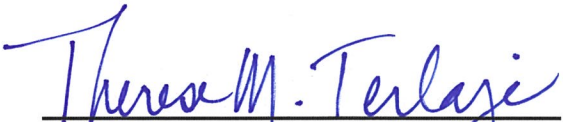
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1           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*  
2 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people  
3 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the employees, management, and Board of  
4 Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG) on  
5 the observance of "Port Week" from October 18 to October 22, 2021, and the  
6 celebration of its Forty-sixth (46th) Year Anniversary; and commend PAG for their  
7 service and dedication to our island community; and be it further

8           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
9 certify, and that the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies  
10 of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager of the  
11 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port; to Mr. Francisco G. Santos, Chairman of the  
12 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Board of Directors; and to the Honorable  
13 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 2021.**

  
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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES


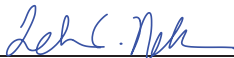
VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 192-36 (COR) - Telen Cruz Nelson, Christopher M. Dueñas, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Joe S. San Agustin, Amanda L. Shelton, Frank F. Blas, Jr., Therese M. Terlaje, James C. Moylan, Sabina Flores Perez, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Mary Camacho Torres -**  
 "Relative to recognizing and congratulating the employees, management, and Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG) on the observance of "Port Week" from October 18 to October 22, 2021, and the celebration of its Forty-Sixth (46th) Year Anniversary; and commending PAG for their service and dedication to our island community."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson Member		10/14/21	x		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	E-VOTE	10/14/21	x		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	E-VOTE	10/14/21	x		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	10/14/21	x		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	E-VOTE	10/14/21	x		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member	E-VOTE	10/14/21	x		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	E-VOTE	10/14/21	x		
<b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>					
Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: <b>Xavier De Ramos</b>					
<b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>					
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Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: 10/15/21 9:31 a.m.					
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