

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
212-36 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing and celebrating with the Marianas Baha'i Community the Day of the Covenant and commemorating the Centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, authorized successor of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i Faith.	11/17/21 11:00 a.m.	11/24/21	11/19/21 3:32 p.m.					

Resolution No. 212-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Ross Muña Barnes	Cynthia F. Raljeff
V. Anthony Mía	José S. San Ignacio
Frank Blas Jr.	Amanda L. Shelton
Juanne Brown	Telo T. Tarague
Christopher M. Dueñas	José "Pedro" Terlaje
James C. Moylan	Therese M. Terlaje
Telma Cruz Nelson	Mary Camacho Torres
Sahana Flores Perez	



Relative to recognizing the celebration of the Day of the Covenant with the Marianas Baha'i Community, and the commemoration of the Centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the authorized successor of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i Faith.

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

WHEREAS, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the eldest son of Bahá'u'lláh, acquired the reputation of being a champion of social justice, an advocate of racial harmony and equality, an ambassador of peace, and the personification of humanitarianism. In the Bahá'í Faith, the Day of the Covenant commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of his son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, as the one to whom his followers should turn after his passing; and through 'Abdu'l-Bahá, guaranteeing a center to whom all would turn was the means by which Bahá'u'lláh could diffuse his message of hope and universal peace to every corner of the world; and

WHEREAS, from 1910 to 1913, despite ill health, 'Abdu'l-Bahá traveled to Egypt, North America and Europe, where he proclaimed the essential principles of the Bahá'í Faith, such as the equality of women and men, universal peace, the removal of all forms of prejudice, the harmony of science and religion, and a spiritual solution to economic problems. He taught to all who crossed his path that "love is the greatest law," that it is the foundation of "true civilization," and that "what humanity urgently needs is cooperation and reciprocity" among all its peoples. 'Abdu'l-Bahá took his father's message and raised the call for the oneness of humanity and the elimination of all kinds of prejudice, and the unity of all religions under one (1) God; and

WHEREAS, 'Abdu'l-Bahá's teaching and the Bahá'í Faith have been part of the Guam community, attracting members from the island's diverse population; and the Mariana Islands Bahá'í Community encompasses both Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). There are seventeen (17) localities in which Bahá'ís reside throughout the islands, six (6) of which have elected administrative bodies called Local Spiritual Assemblies, and a national administrative body, known as the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Mariana Islands, which is located in Hagåtña; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1954, the Bahá'í Faith was first brought to Guam by Robert Powers Jr. and Cynthia and Edgar "Ole" Olson. In July of 1954, Mildred Mottahedeh, a well-known Bahá'í of international stature, visited Guam as the first Bahá'í "traveling teacher"; and

WHEREAS, in November of that same year, the first presentation of Bahá'í books were made to island libraries. The Bahá'í Fund was established and contributions were soon sent to the Bahá'í International Fund and to a special fund to assist the persecuted Bahá'ís in Iran; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1955, a local resident made the first declaration of his belief in Bahá'u'lláh, and it was followed by the first mention of the Bahá'í Faith on KUAM radio, which was made by Cynthia Olson as part of the "Calendars of the World" program; and in 1956, Angelina Isezaki of *Humåtak* prepared the first Chamorro translation of Bahá'í Writings, "Blessed is the Spot"; and

WHEREAS, the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Guam was formed in 1956, and was officially incorporated in April of 1957; and the first National Teaching Committee for Micronesia, appointed by the Hawaiian National Spiritual Assembly as a precursor to the first National Spiritual Assembly of the region, was subsequently formed and based in Guam; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Mariana Islands was elected for the first time. This institution exercises legislative, judiciary, and executive authority in the affairs of the Bahá'í community in the Mariana Islands; and in 1980, the Bahá'ís opened the National Bahá'í Center in *Malgig, Inalåhan*; and the Center was later moved to *Hagåtña* in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bahá'ís in Guam have traveled and continued to spread Bahá'u'lláh's teachings throughout the islands of Micronesia, forming four (4) Spiritual Assemblies: two (2) in Pohnpei, one (1) in Chuuk, and another in Majuro; and they have worked towards putting 'Abdu'l-Bahá and Bahá'u'lláh's fundamental teaching of the oneness of the human race into actions; and the Day of the Covenant marks the beginning of this divinely inspired world order which ultimately will become the pattern for the future civilization; and

WHEREAS, November 25, 2021 will be marked as the Day of the Covenant, and the appointment of 'Abdu'l-Bahá as Bahá'u'lláh's successor; and November 27, 2021 will be marked as the Centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and the one hundred (100) year passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá; and two (2) representatives of the Marianas Bahá'í Community will travel to the Bahá'í World Center in Israel to celebrate these occasions with Bahá'í members from around the world; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the celebration of the Day of the Covenant with the Marianas Bahá'í Community, and the commemoration of the Centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the authorized successor of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i Faith; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Manoucher Sabetti, Jenny Dueñas Sarmiento, and members of the Marianas Bahá'í Community; and to the Honorable 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 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



11/23/21 @ 4:05 p.m.

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 212-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the celebration of the Day of the Covenant with the Marianas Baha'i Community, and the commemoration of the Centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the authorized successor of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i Faith.

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6 Bahá'í Faith, the Day of the Covenant commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of
7 his son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, as the one to whom his followers should turn after his

1 passing; and through ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, guaranteeing a center to whom all would turn
2 was the means by which Bahá’u’lláh could diffuse his message of hope and universal
3 peace to every corner of the world; and

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10 humanity urgently needs is cooperation and reciprocity” among all its peoples.
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15 the Guam community, attracting members from the island’s diverse population; and
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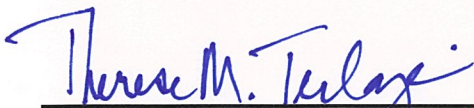
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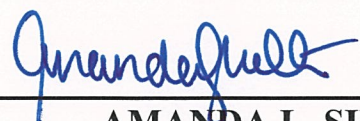
5 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
7 people of Guam, recognize the celebration of the Day of the Covenant with the
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THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



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Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

36th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 212-36 (COR) - Tina Rose Muña Barnes. - "Relative to recognizing the celebration of the Day of the Covenant with the Marianas Baha'i Community, and the commemoration of the Centenary of the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the authorized successor of Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i Faith."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson		11/18/21	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	e-vote	11/19/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	e-vote	11/18/21	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	e-vote	11/18/21	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	11/18/21	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	e-vote	11/18/21	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-vote	11/18/21	✓		
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Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: Hannah Elmore					
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<u>7</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Rennae Meno					
Date: 11/19/21 3:32 p.m.					
Notes:					



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November 23, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
36th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Virtual Presentation of Resolution No. 212-36 (COR)

Buenas yan Háfa Adai!

On my behalf, Senator Amanda L. Shelton will be presenting the following Legislative Resolution:

Resolution No. 212-36 (COR) – *Introduced by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes* – “Relative to recognizing the celebration of the Day of the Covenant with the Marianas Baha’i Community, and the commemoration of the Centenary of the Ascension of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, the authorized successor of Bahá’u’lláh, founder of the Baha’i Faith.”

The presentation will take place on **Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at the National Bahai Office in Hagåtña.**

Please note that physical attendance will be limited to the recipients of the resolution and Senator Shelton. Thank you for your understanding.

Si Yu’os Ma’åse’!