

**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
60-36 (COR)	Clynton E. Ridgell	Relative to commemorating the 40-year anniversary of the working relationship between USDA, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Guam Department of Agriculture and all other stakeholders at the USDA Plant Inspection Station in Tiyan and to commending their role in protecting our island's native flora and fauna from invasive threats.	4/9/21 5:01 p.m.	4/17/21 8:30 a.m.	4/16/21 3:23 p.m.					

Resolution No. 60-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Clinton F. Rudejil

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Relative to recognizing the working efforts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Guam Department of Agriculture, and all other stakeholders at the USDA Plant Inspection Station in Tiyan; and commending them for their role in protecting Guam's native flora and fauna from invasive threats.

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

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Agriculture-Biosecurity Division is currently the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Inspection Station in Tiyan, which is a nexus wherein the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Guam Department of Agriculture work collaboratively to do their part to protect the island's natural resources from plant pests and diseases, a partnership that was first initiated in 1981; and

WHEREAS, this program began its operations through a request from the Governor of Guam to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist Guam in protecting its valuable agricultural and ecological interests from foreign pests by establishing an inspection program at the ports of entry which would be consistent with and provide parity to the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, this alliance was uniquely formed to address this request from the Governor of Guam in assigning a Plant Protection and Quarantine Port Director to Guam and entering into agreements with the Guam Department of Agriculture and the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency along with the necessary personnel actions to bestow federal authority on each officer performing inspections; and

WHEREAS, through the continued and tireless efforts of all the stakeholders involved in tackling this issue, this program, known as the Guam Agriculture Quarantine Inspection Program, evolved from its infancy in 1981 to a more robust and mature program by 2001; and

WHEREAS, after the events of 9-11, while most other jurisdictions throughout the country had their Agriculture Quarantine Inspection at ports of entry moved under the federal authority of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Guam was unique in being one of the only U.S. ports remaining under the direct authority of the USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Government of Guam transferred the port of entry inspection functions from the Guam Department of Agriculture to the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency following a national reorganization; and throughout this reorganization and to the present time, all parties continue to work together to maintain the integrity and collaboration of the Agriculture Quarantine Inspection Program; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Plant Inspection Station became the sixteenth (16th) USDA-authorized inspection station in the United States and opened a path for direct importations of foreign propagative plant material; and

WHEREAS, the Inspection Station provides many unique and important programs that work to protect the natural resources of Guam, including programs for smuggling interdiction and trade compliance, agriculture detector dogs, export certification, regulated garbage compliance, Farm Bill funded projects, and the eradication of new agricultural pests; and

WHEREAS, the Inspection Station and all collaborators involved work diligently to ensure that all persons, commodities, articles, and means of conveyance arriving from foreign origins or areas of domestic quarantine are subject to warrantless inspection to ensure agriculture entry requirements are met and to detect and stop the entry of any unintentional hitchhiker organisms; and

WHEREAS, these inspections play an important role as the first line of defense in keeping invasive species out of Guam and avoiding their potentially devastating consequences to the environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, this relationship that has developed with the USDA Plant Inspection Station at Tiyan has become a successful example of unique cooperation between the collaborating agencies intertwined with additional domestic and regional programs that complement the overall effort for early identification and eradication or mitigation of new invasive species to the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, this crucial partnership of forty (40) years between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Guam Department of Agriculture, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and all other relevant partners at the USDA Plant Inspection Facility is vital; and they are to be commended for their outstanding commitment to being the island's first line of defense from invasive plants and protecting Guam from insects or diseases that could devastate vulnerable endemic species as well as the overall ecosystem in Guam; and it is also timely to recognize this partnership anniversary in the month of April, when people celebrate "Earth Month" through community service, educational outreach and public advocacy, as the Tiyan Inspection Station and all its stakeholders play an important role in protecting Guam's environment from various ecological threats; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Minatrentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, recognize the working efforts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Guam Department of Agriculture, and all other stakeholders at the USDA Plant Inspection Station in Tiyan; and commend them for their role in protecting Guam's native flora and fauna from invasive threats; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the 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 Chelsea Muña-Brecht, Director, Guam Department of Agriculture; to Russell Campbell, Ph.D., Guam Department of Agriculture Biosecurity Division; to Ike Peredo, Director, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency; to Vernon Harrington, United States Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Magsa'hagan Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



 4/16/21



Clynton E. Ridgell

Senator – 36th Guam Legislature

*Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities,
and the Arts*

April 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Senator Clynton E. Ridgell
Subject: **Presentation Notice of Resolution No. 60-36(COR)**

Håfa Adai:

Please join us for the presentation of [Resolution No. 60-36\(COR\)](#) – Clynton E. Ridgell, Relative to commemorating the 40-year anniversary of the working relationship between USDA, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, and the Guam Department of Agriculture and all other stakeholders at the USDA Plant Inspection Station in Tiyan and to commending their role in protecting our island’s native flora and fauna from invasive threats.

The presentation will take place on **Saturday – April 17, 2021** at **8:30 a.m.** at the Cotal Conservation Area in Santa Rita. We appreciate your attendance and participation.

Si Yu’os ma’åse’.

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

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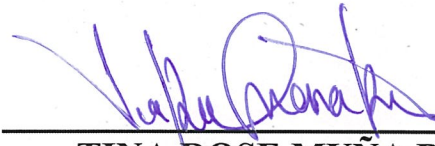
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
22 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
23 the same be thereafter transmitted to Chelsa Muña-Brecht, Director, Guam Department
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- 1 Biosecurity Division; to Ike Peredo, Director, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency;
- 2 to Vernon Harrington, United States Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable
- 3 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
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THERESE M. TERLAJE
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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. 60-36 (COR)- Clynton E. Ridgell. - "Relative to recognizing the working efforts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Guam Department of Agriculture, and all other stakeholders at the USDA Plant Inspection Station in Tiyan; and commending them for their role in protecting Guam's native flora and fauna from invasive threats."

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Chairperson	e-Vote	4/16/21	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	e-Vote	4/16/21	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	e-Vote	4/16/21	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	e-Vote	4/16/21	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member		4/16/21	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Jose "Pedo" T. Terlaje Member	e-Vote	4/16/21	✓		
Senator Frank F. Blas, Jr. Minority Member					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-Vote	4/16/21	✓		
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Date: 4/16/21 3:23 p.m.					
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