

*I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
RESOLUTIONS

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**Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN***:

3           **WHEREAS**, tourism is Guam’s single largest industry, generating \$1.4 billion  
4 dollars annually and representing sixty percent (60%) of Guam’s annual business

1 revenue, and employing over eighteen thousand (18,000) island residents, which is  
2 thirty-one percent (31%) of non-federal employment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the arrival of COVID-19 on the island has decimated the tourism  
4 industry, causing economic instability and leaving Guam to suffer the consequences  
5 more deeply than other U.S. states and territories with more diversified economies,  
6 emphasizing the fact that Guam can no longer be dependent on a single economic  
7 strategy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Guam's business and government leaders have been in continuous  
9 discussions on ways to diversify the local economy as we emerge from the devastations  
10 of the pandemic to be prepared for future economic disruptions; and, *I Liheslaturan*  
11 *Guåhan* and the community of Guam have long recognized that the Guam Fishermen's  
12 Co-op, managed by the community nonprofit Guam Fishermen's Cooperative  
13 Association, is one of the pillars of Guam's economic strategy for sustainability, which  
14 is especially crucial as Guam continues to diversify from a vulnerable tourism industry;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, in addition to food sustainability and the economic benefits of an  
17 expanded fishing industry, renovation and expansion of the Fishermen's Co-op Facility  
18 will foster increased inter-island commerce and tourism throughout the Marianas  
19 archipelago. The Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association specializes in the sale of  
20 local seafood caught daily by local fishermen and aims to encourage the island's  
21 younger generations to continue the perpetuation of the local fishing tradition while  
22 serving as the center of information on local and federal policies and advocating for  
23 policies that support the local fishing community and a deeper understanding of the  
24 marine ecosystem that is central to our island community; and

1           **WHEREAS**, for over forty-four (44) years, the Fishermen’s Co-op has been  
2 operating out of its *Hagåtña* facility, which is in desperate need of full renovations from  
3 years of wear-and-tear and typhoons that greatly affect the Co-op’s daily operations and  
4 the need to expand capacity. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
5 had passed laws to provide modest funding mechanisms for the refurbishment of the  
6 facility; and, such plans include a restored Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and an expansion  
7 of a new and safer fueling pier and docks that will be made available to commercial  
8 boats that service Guam’s local and tourist water sports activities; and

9           **WHEREAS**, construction of the new Fishermen’s Co-op Facility was impeded  
10 by major challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic; competition for skilled  
11 workers causing an increase in projected costs; compliance with the flood zone  
12 regulations, requiring the new facility to be raised five (5) feet above ground level from  
13 the original design to comply with codes; and poor soil conditions nearer the sea wall,  
14 which is being built to reinforce the shoreline, resulting in a more costly foundation  
15 design; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Guam’s fisheries operate mostly on a small-scale basis, revealing  
17 that this industry is underutilized. The Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association  
18 grosses approximately \$1.5 million dollars annually; and, with the construction of a new  
19 and improved facility, there is an opportunity for the development of a Guam longline  
20 fleet and an expanded capacity at every level, resulting in community jobs and  
21 economic diversity in the heart of *Hagåtña*, Guam’s capital city, and throughout the  
22 island; and

23           **WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives  
24 Committee on Appropriations announced that it would be accepting Members’ requests

1 for Community Project Funding in appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2022; and, in the  
2 coming weeks, the House Appropriations Committee will provide additional  
3 information regarding which accounts and programs will be eligible for Community  
4 Project Funding requests and the criteria necessary for consideration in those areas. In  
5 addition, the Committee will provide support to Members so they can submit strong  
6 requests that meet urgent needs in their communities; and

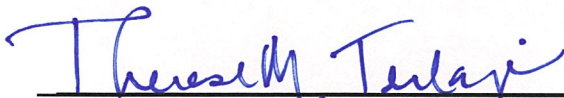
7 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas (D-Guam)  
8 intends to request for Community Project Funding in appropriations bills and grants for  
9 Fiscal Year 2022 to assist the Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association in  
10 completing the construction of its new facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s  
11 local fishing industry; now therefore, be it


12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
13 behalf of the people of Guam, respectfully request the United States Congress to support  
14 Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s  
15 Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry in  
16 appropriations bills and grants for Fiscal Year 2022; and does further fully support the  
17 renovation and expansion of the Guam Fishermen’s Co-op facilities as fundamental to  
18 the development of an expanded fishing industry on Guam, as a critical pillar of Guam’s  
19 economic strategy and sustainability, and indispensable to the development of safe,  
20 state of the art ecosystem friendly inter-island marine activities and commerce for its  
21 Guam community; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
23 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable

- 1 Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable
- 2 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2021.**

  
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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary