

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

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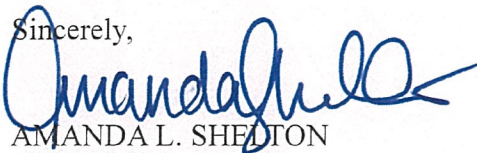
*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
Thirty-Seventh Guam Legislature

December 1, 2023

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
*Ufisinan I Maga'håga*  
*Hagåtña, Guam 96910*

Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith is **Resolution No. 226-37 (COR)**, “Relative to exercising the Right of petition pursuant to § 1423k of 48 U.S.C., Chapter 8, relative to supporting Statehood for the people of Washington, D.C., and specifically urging the United States Congress to pass **H.R. 51 and S. 51**,” which was duly and regularly adopted by *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on November 30, 2023.

Sincerely,  
  
AMANDA L. SHELDON  
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (1)

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**Resolution No. 226-37 (COR)**

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**Relative to exercising the Right of petition pursuant to § 1423k of 48 U.S.C., Chapter 8, relative to supporting Statehood for the people of Washington, D.C., and specifically urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 51 and S. 51.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the nation that is built on the spirit of patriotism and unity sadly  
4 denies equal political rights to the residents of Washington, D.C. and Guam in the U.S.  
5 Congress. Both of our congressional delegates do not have a vote on the final passage  
6 of legislation, and unlike Washington, D.C., Guam has no votes in the Electoral  
7 College; and the residents of both Washington, D.C. and Guam lack many fundamental

1 rights afforded to citizens of the fifty (50) states, including full Congressional  
2 representation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the residents of Guam and Washington, D.C. have served in past  
4 wars and have contributed dearly with their lives in making this nation strong, but are  
5 still unrepresented and denied citizenship equality; and are deprived of their own star in  
6 that sacred flag we hold so dearly; and

7 **WHEREAS**, no other nation in the world denies the right to self-governance,  
8 including the lack of participation and access in the practice of our political rights in the  
9 United States Congress by the Framers of the Constitution of the United States, and this  
10 represents serious breaches of universal and human rights, violating Article 2 of the  
11 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights that “*no distinction shall be*  
12 *made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country*  
13 *or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-*  
14 *governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty;”* and

15 **WHEREAS**, unlike Guam, the residents of Washington, D.C. pay more in total  
16 federal income tax than residents of twenty-two (22) other states but have no say over  
17 how those tax dollars are spent; and

18 **WHEREAS**, although the people of Guam have yet to decide on a political  
19 status, Washington, D.C. residents affirmed their desire to become a state, and eighty-  
20 six percent (86%) of its voters supported Statehood in a publicly-sponsored plebiscite  
21 in 2016; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Washington, D.C. residents continue to express their support for  
23 Statehood by voting to elect non-voting shadow Congressional U.S. Senators and  
24 Representatives in publicly-sponsored elections; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Guam and Washington D.C. both function and perform all of the  
26 duties that are assigned to states, such as administration, health and public services; and

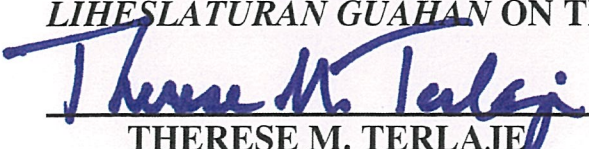



1 also has active duty service members in the region, as we exist in a so-called democracy  
2 where our voices are oppressed; however, Guam is not alone in the fight to be heard;  
3 now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that in recognizing the history of our nation's foundation on the  
5 principle of the rights of all people to self-government, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the  
6 Guam Legislature), on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby support admitting  
7 Washington, D.C. into the Union as a state of the United States of America to govern  
8 themselves without congressional interference; and call upon the United States  
9 Congress and the American people to make Washington, D.C. the fifty-first (51<sup>st</sup>) state  
10 of the United States of America; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
12 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable  
13 James C. Moylan, Delegate, United States House of Representatives; the Honorable  
14 James Comer, Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability; the  
15 Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman of the House Committee on Rules; the Honorable Patty  
16 Murray, Senate President *Pro Tempore*; the Honorable Eleanor Homes Norton,  
17 Congresswoman, United States House of Representatives; the Honorable Paul Strauss,  
18 Shadow Senator, United States Senate; Merce Monje Cano, General-Secretary,  
19 Unrepresented Nations & Peoples Organization; Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Executive  
20 Director of the Commission on Decolonization; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon  
21 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.**

  
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THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
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AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary