

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
376-37 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on Guam and the broader Oceania region.	4/17/24 9:16 a.m.	5/23/24 10:00 a.m.	4/25/24 9:23 a.m.					

Resolution No. 376-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Chris Barnett	Ashley Flores Piroz
Frank Blaizis	Rep. A. B. Quinata
Joseph M. Brien	Rep. S. Sam Aguiar
Christopher M. Duran	Douglas D. San Nicolas
Thomas J. DeLoe	Amanda L. Shelton
Isaac A. Garcia	John J. Santiago
William C. Parkinson	Herbert M. Tordella



Relative to recognizing Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on Guam and the broader Oceania region.

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

WHEREAS, it is the sense of *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens of the great island of Guam who have devoted themselves to faithfully serving in the best interests of Guam and the needs of its people; and

WHEREAS, one such faithful public servant and great example is Commander Gregory S. Sickels who has served on Guam from June 2021 to June 2024, and who has displayed exemplary leadership and dedication in his role, significantly enhancing maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels led the response to one thousand five hundred ninety three (1593) search and rescue cases, including three hundred fourteen (314) long range, multi day operations, saving or assisting five hundred forty eight (548) lives and saving nearly \$2 Billion Dollars in property, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to saving lives and safeguarding property at sea; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels actively directs Guam based Fast Responders to increase regional operational capacity and presence, with these cutters averaging one hundred twenty six (126) days away from homeport in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 and covering distances that underscore the vast scope of their operations across the Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels oversees the development of Operation REMATAU, a strategic initiative aimed at optimizing the employment of U.S. Coast Guard resources across the region, thus enhancing operational effectiveness and maritime security; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels managed a forty percent (40%) growth in Sector staff and shipboard crew, including the integration of three (3) new Fast Response Cutters and the establishment of innovative civilian positions, demonstrating exceptional organizational leadership and adaptability in the face of expanding operational demands; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels led the successful execution of a triple commissioning ceremony, showcasing his ability to orchestrate significant ceremonial events that foster unity and pride within the U.S. Coast Guard and among international partners; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels established the Patrol Commander program for high value unit escorts and facilitated the return of cruise ships to Guam post COVID, efforts that have contributed to the island's economic recovery and maritime security; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels transformed the Sector's approach to public affairs through the strategic use of traditional and social media, thereby enhancing the visibility and impact of the U.S. Coast Guard's mission in the region; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels developed the U.S. Coast Guard Forces/Micronesia Sector Guam Strategic Plan, with a clear focus on operational excellence, partnership building, and establishing U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam as a workplace of choice, underlining his forward thinking approach to leadership and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels coordinated the acquisition of \$1.5 Million Dollars in surplus equipment from the U.S. Army to bolster the Sector's maintenance capabilities and efficiency, exemplifying his commitment to ensuring operational readiness and cost effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Commander Sickels' leadership has not only ensured the safety and security of Guam and its surrounding waters, but also significantly contributed to the advancement of the U.S. Coast Guard's mission across Oceania, strengthening relationships with regional partners and enhancing the operational capabilities of U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia - Sector Guam, and commend him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on Guam and the broader Oceania region, and be it further

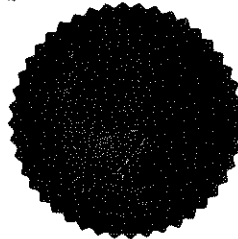
RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Commander Gregory S. Sickels, and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mang'gügan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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05/21/2024

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 376-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
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Frank Blas, Jr.
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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize and honor
4 those distinguished citizens of the great island of Guam who have devoted themselves
5 to faithfully serving in the best interests of Guam and the needs of its people; and

1 **WHEREAS**, one such faithful public servant and great example is Commander
2 Gregory S. Sickels who has served on Guam from June 2021 to June 2024, and who
3 has displayed exemplary leadership and dedication in his role, significantly enhancing
4 maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship; and

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8 lives and saving nearly \$2 Million Dollars in property, demonstrating his unwavering
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10 **WHEREAS**, Commander Sickels actively directs Guam-based Fast Responders
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13 covering distances that underscore the vast scope of their operations across the Mariana
14 Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
15 Marshall Islands, and Papua New Guinea; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Commander Sickels oversees the development of Operation
17 REMATAU, a strategic initiative aimed at optimizing the employment of U.S. Coast
18 Guard resources across the region, thus enhancing operational effectiveness and
19 maritime security; and

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21 Sector staff and shipboard crew, including the integration of three (3) new Fast
22 Response Cutters and the establishment of innovative civilian positions, demonstrating
23 exceptional organizational leadership and adaptability in the face of expanding
24 operational demands; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Commander Sickels led the successful execution of a triple
26 commissioning ceremony, showcasing his ability to orchestrate significant ceremonial

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2 partners; and

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6 security; and

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21 advancement of the U.S. Coast Guard’s mission across Oceania, strengthening
22 relationships with regional partners and enhancing the operational capability of U.S.
23 Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
26 of Guam, recognize Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces

1 Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commend him for his dedicated leadership and
2 exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on
3 Guam and the broader Oceania region; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to Commander Gregory S. Sickels; and to the
7 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY
OF APRIL 2024.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 376-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on Guam and the broader Oceania region.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		4/22/24	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	e-vote	4/23/24	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	e-vote	4/22/24	✓		
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Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda					
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Name: Zada Hernandez					
Date: April 25, 2024 at 9:23 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

May 20, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 376-37 (COR) and Resolution No. 377-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 376-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing Commander Gregory S. Sickels of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct to ensuring maritime safety, security, and operational excellence on Guam and the broader Oceania region.”

Resolution No. 377-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing Captain Nicholas R. Simmons of the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia – Sector Guam; and commending him for his dedicated leadership and exemplary conduct in advancing maritime safety, security, and environmental protection in Guam and the broader Oceania region.”

The presentation will take place on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 10am in the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/ Sector Guam Victor Pier in Santa Rita.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!