

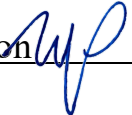
***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 542-37 (LS)**

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson 

**Relative to recognizing the Palauan Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion of the Thirtieth (30th) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau; and commending them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the people of Palau and the people of Guam share more than four  
4 thousand (4,000) years of history and culture; and

5        **WHEREAS**, Palauans first greeted British traders and government officials  
6 visiting in the eighteenth (18th) century, followed by the influence-expanding Spaniards  
7 in the nineteenth (19th) century. Spain claimed the rights over Palau and other  
8 Micronesian islands in 1885 after Pope Leo XIII, to avert war between the two (2)  
9 countries, issued the Protocol of Rome granting sovereignty to Spain, and gave to  
10 Germany the rights to do business and enter ports in the region. By 1899, financially  
11 exhausted with administering colonies in Micronesia, Spain sold the island groups  
12 except for Guam to Germany for Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
13 (\$4,200,000); and

14        **WHEREAS**, control of the Micronesian islands, including Palau, was legally  
15 granted to Japan in 1920 as a mandate at the Paris Peace Conference by the League of  
16 Nations after World War I. After the historic battles of *Peleliu* and *Angaur* and the  
17 defeat of Japan by the United States in World War II, the United States gained control  
18 of what was then called the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands through the United

1 Nations (UN) in 1947 as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), with  
2 Palau administered as one (1) of the three (3) island groups' six (6) districts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, after forty-seven (47) years as part of the Trust Territory of the  
4 Pacific Islands, the leaders of Palau opted for separation from the other island areas in  
5 a special referendum in 1978; and on July 9, 1980, the Palau constitution was ratified,  
6 and Palau held its first constitutional elections, thereby creating the Republic of Palau;  
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Palau gained self-government by way of its Constitution and  
9 entered into a Compact of Free Association with the United States, which was approved  
10 in 1993 by the people of the Republic of Palau after a number of referendums and an  
11 amendment to the nuclear-free clause of the Palau Constitution; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in May 1994, the United Nations Trusteeship Council issued a  
13 resolution requesting the government of the United States, in consultation with the  
14 government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about October 1, 1994 for the full entry  
15 into force of the Compact of Free Association; and in July 1994, the President of the  
16 United States, the Honorable William J. Clinton, reaffirmed October 1, 1994, as the  
17 effective date of the Compact, provided that all legal challenges to the Compact had  
18 been resolved; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau joined the United Nations as its one hundred  
20 eighty-fifth (185th) member, and took its seat in the U.N. in December 1994; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is an island nation in the northwest Pacific  
22 Ocean, located east of the Philippines, and perched on the Kyushu-Palau Ridge. The  
23 westernmost cluster of the Caroline Islands consists of twenty (20) large islands and  
24 five hundred sixty-six (566) smaller islands, and it is one of the youngest and least  
25 populated nations; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Koror or "*Oreor*," the largest state in Palau, is where seventy  
27 percent (70%) of the Republic's population live, and is the place that hosts the most  
28 annual festivities and special events for the island nation; and it had served as the capital

1 of Palau from its independence in 1994 to 2006, when the capital was moved to  
2 *Ngerulmud* in *Melekeok*; and

3       **WHEREAS**, Palau was named as the number one (#1) "Underwater Wonder of  
4 the World" by Conservation, Education, Diving, Awareness and Marine-Research  
5 (CEDAM) International, an organization of divers, marine scientists, and  
6 conservationists. Spectacular scuba diving locales, with coral reefs, blue holes, World  
7 War II wrecks, hidden caves and tunnels, and over sixty (60) vertical drop-offs are  
8 found in Palau, where three (3) major ocean currents meet to create an environment of  
9 abundance and enormous variety of marine life; and the waters surrounding the Rock  
10 Islands literally teem with over one thousand five hundred (1,500) varieties of reef and  
11 pelagic fish, and more than four (4) times the number of coral species found in the  
12 Caribbean Sea; and

13       **WHEREAS**, after World War II when the U.S. Naval security clearance was  
14 lifted, many Palauans moved to Guam so that they could work and further their  
15 education, and they brought their culture of hard work, respect, and the respect of family  
16 and traditions to Guam; and

17       **WHEREAS**, Palauans living on Guam continued to have their social and  
18 customary gatherings on Guam and built two (2) community meeting houses, or *abai*,  
19 in the mid-1970s in the Harmon cliffline area. Organizing themselves as the Palau  
20 Community Association of Guam (PCAG), Palauans held softball tournaments and a  
21 myriad of cultural and social activities at the *abai* until the early 1990s, when the land  
22 was returned to the original landowners and they were forced to vacate their *abai*; and

23       **WHEREAS**, the PCAG continues to show its commitment to helping others and  
24 keeping Guam clean and beautiful by maintaining the Eagles Field and the softball field  
25 in Mangilao, participating in Matson's Adahi I Tana' cleanup program, participating in  
26 the Roadway Adoption Program, and adopting several bus stops; and

1           **WHEREAS**, members of the Palauan community have continued to enrich the  
2 cultural diversity we experience here on Guam, and they endow our island with their  
3 unique and collective strength; now therefore, be it

4           **RESOLVED**, that the *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does  
5 hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize the  
6 Palauan Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community on the occasion  
7 of the Thirtieth (30th) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau;  
8 and commend them for their continued contributions to the island of Guam; and be it  
9 further

10           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
11 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Palauan  
12 Community Association of Guam; to Adelina "Erma" K. Jose, Consul General of the  
13 Republic of Palau on Guam; to His Excellency Surangel Whipps, Jr., President of the  
14 Republic of Palau; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon. Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan*  
15 *Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE      DAY OF 2024.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary