


I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslatura* to recognize and honor those
4 distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted themselves to faithfully
5 serving the best interests of our community and the needs of our island; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the †Honorable Cecilia “Chilang” A. Q. Morrison is one such
7 distinguished citizen, born during the occupation of Guam, in 1943, as the daughter of
8 Antonio and Joaquina Aguon Quinata and raised in the beautiful village of *Humåtak*;
9 and

1 **WHEREAS**, early in life, †Cecilia established herself as a force completing
2 multiple whole-grade accelerations in school and securing the village nomination of
3 Miss Umatac, during an annual liberation celebration; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1965 †Cecilia married her loving husband †Gene “Buster” A.
5 Morrison, Sr. and their love and memory will continue through their five (5) children,
6 Gene Allen, Jr., Theresa Ann, †Roy Anthony “Tony”, †Troy Adam, and Thomas
7 Aaron, and their numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

8 **WHEREAS**, after settling in Oxnard, California, †Cecilia embarked on a career
9 at the Crocker National Bank, in Beverly Hills. In the early 1970’s, she returned home
10 to Guam with her family and established a family run gas station in the village of
11 Dededo. Subsequently, she pursued a career in the Pacific Post Secondary Education
12 Council, the Apprenticeship Training and Placement at the Guam Community College,
13 the Criminal Justice Planning Agency, and the Territorial Crime Commission, where
14 she was the Acting Executive Director; and

15 **WHEREAS**, †Cecilia’s years of dedicated service to the community, found her
16 striving for further community advocacy and improvement and in 1984 she made
17 history by becoming the first female Mayor of *Humåtak*, during which time she served
18 as a Mayors Council of Guam Officer. It was during her tenure that she established the
19 Sister-Village Command, *Humåtak* Youth Center, Mobile General Education
20 Development Program. She also oversaw the successful replacement of the now iconic
21 *Humåtak* Bridge Towers, leaving a profound and positive impact on the community and
22 our island; and

23 **WHEREAS**, †Cecilia’s extensive commitment to community service continued
24 as the Administrator of the Governors Community Outreach-Federal Programs Office.
25 During which time she secured millions of dollars in grants for the island of Guam,
26 focusing on community support, education, and domestic violence protection and
27 prevention. Additionally, in 1994, she was able to secure the “Stop Violence Against
28 Women Program” on Guam, sub-granting funds for seventeen (17) different programs,

1 to include: the Alee Shelter, Department of Corrections, Department of Mental Health,
2 Guam Police Department, Erica’s House, Victims Advocate Reaching Out (VARO),
3 Superior Court of Guam, and so many more. Furthermore, in 1995, she launched the
4 AmeriCorps Program on the island, assisting thousands of local recipients, providing
5 scholarships for students to use towards higher education; and

6 **WHEREAS**, †Honorable Cecila A. Q. Morrison shared a legacy of *inafa’maolek*
7 and an understanding of community before individualism. Her dedication to the island
8 community has impacted lives for generations and will continue on in the community
9 programs she has established and the family she leaves behind; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the Honorable Cecilia
12 “Chilang” A. Q. Morrison, former Mayor of *Humåtak*, for her commitment and
13 dedication to the community of *Humåtak* our island community; and commemorating
14 her enduring legacy of community advocacy and advancement throughout our island;
15 and to further express sincere condolences to her family on behalf of the people of
16 Guam; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
18 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of
19 the late Honorable Cecila A. Q. Morrison; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
20 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary