

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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
563-37 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to recognizing the observance of "Port Week" during the week of October 21 to October 25, 2024; and commending the employees, management, and Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam on its Forty-ninth (49th) Year Anniversary celebration.	10/16/24 3:07 p.m.	10/21/24 9:30 a.m.						

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port (Port) was established  
4 as a public corporation and autonomous government agency through the enactment of  
5 Public Law 13-87 on October 31, 1975, providing maritime transportation services to  
6 local, private, federal and military customers as the only commercial seaport on Guam;  
7 and

8        **WHEREAS**, this year marks the Forty-Ninth (49th) Year Anniversary of the  
9 agency, which has journeyed through a timeline of significant events and developments;  
10 and over the last forty-nine (49) years, the Port has developed into a major  
11 transshipment center for the entire Western Pacific Region; and

12        **WHEREAS**, with a total of three hundred eighty-two (382) dedicated employees  
13 working under the guidance of management and the Board of Directors, the Port has

1 made great strides in executing modernization initiatives to provide safe and  
2 uninterrupted services to Guam’s community and its neighboring islands; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Port is to be commended for the many successes over the past  
4 year, including the 2023 Master Plan that will further enhance the Port’s core  
5 capabilities, achieve resiliency, and implement new strategies based on the agency’s  
6 financial, operations, and sustainability needs; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Port has grown and evolved into a world-class commercial  
8 seaport that has fostered a strong partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense  
9 (DOD) INDOPACOM; and it continues to upgrade its facilities and replace its  
10 equipment to better serve its commercial customers and DOD’S readiness plans; and

11 **WHEREAS**, much success has been achieved by employing financial prudence  
12 which resulted in the Port, once again, achieving low-risk auditee status; and this is the  
13 fifth (5th) consecutive year that the Port received this designation since the time it failed  
14 to obtain this audit opinion in Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Port concluded Fiscal Year 2022 with a net position of \$26.4  
16 Million Dollars, marking a significant increase of \$12.6 million Dollars [or ninety-one  
17 percent (91%)] from Fiscal Year 2021’s net position of \$13.8 Million Dollars; and with  
18 its container count numbers growing from eighty-six thousand seven hundred eighty  
19 (86,780) in Fiscal year 2021 to eighty-nine thousand fifty-two (89,052) containers in  
20 Fiscal Year 2022, indicating a 2.5% increase; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Standard and Poor’s (S&P) Global Ratings upholds its outlook for  
22 the Port as stable and affirms its ‘A’ long-term rating on the agency’s outstanding series  
23 2018 Port Revenue Bonds. S&P’s overall assessment of the Authority’s enterprise  
24 profile is strong , reflecting very strong economic fundamentals, an adequate market  
25 position, and strong governance; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Moody’s Investors Service maintains its outlook for the Port  
2 Authority of Guam as stable (Baa2), pointing to low leverage, strong liquidity, its ability  
3 to remain fully operation during the coronavirus pandemic and its ability to support  
4 solid debt service coverage and liquidity levels; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the island’s chief procurement officer renewed the full delegation  
6 of procurement authority granted to General Manager Rory J. Respicio pursuant to the  
7 Guam Procurement Law. In May 2020, the Port’s delegating authority was reinstated  
8 after fourteen (14) years of losing its right to procure goods and services on its own;  
9 and since then, this delegation has been renewed every year; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Port held groundbreaking ceremonies for two (2) projects that  
11 are part of the Port Modernization Program, to include: (1) the Equipment, Maintenance  
12 and Repair (EQMR) Building and Warehouse 1 Rehabilitation and Upgrade; and (2)  
13 the Waterline Replacement and Relocation Project, which is the relocation of the main  
14 sixteen (16)-inch diameter feeder line that will run from Route 11 along the perimeter  
15 of the terminal yard; and

16           **WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2023, the Port Authority of Guam was bestowed  
17 with the “First Place Platinum Award” for its Fiscal Year 2021 Citizen-Centric Report  
18 (CCR); and this is the second time that the Port has received the “First Place Excellence  
19 in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award” from the Association of Government  
20 Accountants, Guam Chapter; and

21           **WHEREAS**, in April of 2023, the Port Authority of Guam won another national  
22 distinguished award for transparency and communications with the public regarding  
23 how the agency spends ratepayers dollars, as the National Association of Government  
24 Accountants awarded the Port with the “Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric  
25 Reporting” for Fiscal year 2022; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 2024, the Port Authority of Guam received notice from the  
2 National Association of Government Accountants as they awarded General Manager  
3 Rory Respicio with the AGA 2024 Distinguished Local Government Leadership  
4 Award. His leadership in maintaining government finances and financial practices  
5 allowed to reverse the Port’s deficit of one hundred four thousand (104,000) dollars into  
6 a surplus of twenty six million four hundred thousand (26.4) dollars; and

7           **WHEREAS**, on May 29, 2024, the Port Authority of Guam completed the  
8 rehabilitation of *Hagat* Marina’s Dock B. With the dock finished, the Marina will be  
9 able to accommodate up to one hundred sixty two (162) boats improving the  
10 infrastructure for recreational boaters. The restrooms received renovations alongside  
11 the installation of CCTV cameras to improve the Marina’s security; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the Port’s recovery from the Typhoon Mawar’s destruction is a  
13 result of the Port management's leadership and the dedicated Port-Strong employees  
14 who worked alongside federal, local, and industry partners, which allowed cargo  
15 operations to resume just three (3) days after Typhoon Mawar devastated the island;  
16 and

17           **WHEREAS**, other milestones include numerous PAG projects funded by federal  
18 grant awards, Port revenue bonds, and PAG funds. The Port Authority of Guam was  
19 awarded the U.S. DOT MARAD Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with  
20 Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant which initiated environmental and historic  
21 review of the project as part of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)  
22 process to ensure that the project is executed in a sustainable manner that also respects  
23 the history of Guam; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Guam received funds from the U.S.  
25 Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/ Federal Emergency Management Agency  
26 (FEMA) Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), which awarded One Hundred Twenty-

1 four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$124,779) in Fiscal Year 2023 for  
2 the acquisition of boat trailers, active shooter personal protection equipment (PPE), and  
3 other equipment for Port Police Personnel; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Guam received the U.S. DOT MARAD Grant  
5 Cooperative Program, which completed the final remaining project from the \$50  
6 Million Dollar Commercial Port Improvement (GCPI) Program, and submitted the final  
7 close-out report; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Guam also received from the Office of Local  
9 Defense Community Cooperation (formerly, the Office of Economic Adjustment—  
10 OEA) a \$1.45 Million Dollar grant for Owner Agent Engineer services to assist the Port  
11 with sustaining and enhancing operational effectiveness, resiliency, sustainability, and  
12 contingency survivability of Port infrastructure and equipment; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Guam received funds from the U.S. Economic  
14 Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Supplemental Grant Program, which  
15 awarded a contract for Architectural and Engineering (A&E) services for the  
16 construction of a fuel pipeline to connect F1 Pier and Golf Pier to provide resiliency to  
17 Guam's energy industry; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Guam also received funds from the U.S.  
19 Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)  
20 Grant Program, which was used to purchase four (4) container yard tractors to upgrade  
21 the Port's fleet of container handling equipment; complete the installation of forty-eight  
22 (48) moorage buoy systems at the Harbor of Refuge to support both local and transient  
23 boaters; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Guam has completed several PAG-funded  
25 projects, such as the completion of the Container Freight Station (CFS) Building  
26 repainting and spall repair project, as well as awarded projects to construct a new

1 bathroom facility and install new Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras at the  
2 *Hagat Marina*; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the employees, management, and Board of Directors of the Jose D.  
4 Leon Guerrero Commercial Port remain committed to taking on the challenges of  
5 modernizing the Port in a sustainable manner to meet the ever-changing needs of the  
6 island and the region’s economic growth; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’trentai Siette Na*  
8 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the  
9 observance of “Port Week” during the week of October 21 to October 25, 2024; and  
10 commend the employees, management, and Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon  
11 Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam on its Forty-ninth (49th) Year  
12 Anniversary celebration; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
14 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
15 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager of the Jose  
16 D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port; to Ms. Dorothy P. Harris, Vice Chairperson of the  
17 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Board of Directors; and to the Honorable  
18 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 \_\_\_\_ DAY  
OF 2024.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
**Legislative Secretary**