

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the life and
4 accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island, and it is the custom
5 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to commend individuals who have devoted themselves
6 faithfully serving in the best interests of this community and the needs of its residents;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Joseph (Joey) T. Duenas was born December 28, 1949, son of
9 the late Jose Camacho Duenas and Ana Torre Franquez Duenas, pioneering proprietors
10 of various retail businesses in post-World War II *Hagåtña* to include the Family Shoe
11 Store; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as the only son and eldest of four siblings †Sister Anne Mary
13 Dueñas, CSJ, Jeannene Dueñas Murphy, Mildred T. Dueñas, and Irene Dueñas Meno,
14 Joey learned from his parents at a very early age, such enduring values of integrity, hard

1 work, love of family, public service, civic responsibility and community engagement
2 that he would emulate over his lifetime; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Joey is a 1967 graduate of Father Duenas Memorial High School
4 and a 1971 graduate of Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii; husband of 53 years
5 to Lourdes C. Perez and father of their three children, Jennifer, Mia and their beloved
6 son †Tommy who passed away at the tender age of 16, grandfather of 2 grandchildren,
7 Jennifer Theresa Dueñas Cleare and Stephen A. Cleare, and

8 **WHEREAS**, between 1973 to 1983, Joey and his wife Lourdes returned home
9 and took over managing the Family Shoe Store family business working full-time to
10 develop, diversify, and invest family-owned assets into marketable real estate holdings,
11 and in 1984 he succeeded in forming two other family businesses namely, Dueñas, Inc.
12 and JD Investments which still operates today with Joey as its president; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1978 Joey’s love of community and desire to help others led to
14 his appointment on the newly established Guam Community College (GCC) Board of
15 Trustees, established under P.L. 14-77 to convert the Guam Vocational Technical
16 (Vocational Tech) High School into a community college campus, which would
17 consolidate and transfer various pre-existing programs including the Adult Evening
18 School from the Department of Education, UOG’s Community Career College &
19 Apprenticeship Training programs, and other similar skills/training programs under the
20 Department of Labor and the Guam Police Department to the auspices of the new Guam
21 Community College, where he served on its Board of Trustees as Vice-Chairman for
22 four years until 1982; and

23 **WHEREAS**, whilst serving on the GCC Board of Trustees and between 1979
24 and 1981, Joey further served his island community when he joined the American Red
25 Cross Guam Chapter as a member of its Board of Directors helping to promote,
26 fundraise, recruit volunteers, and organize community outreach programs, services, and
27 partnerships to assist and provide emergency food, shelter, relief services and aid to

1 those in need, ranging from victims of disasters; support services to our military and
2 veterans; and providing such life-saving initiatives as CPR and First Aid training and
3 conducting blood drives to replenish Guam's blood bank supplies; and

4 **WHEREAS**, between 1983-1984, Joey also served as President of the Guam
5 Housing Corporation, an autonomous government agency that provides affordable
6 mortgage home loans and rental units, including development of residential
7 subdivisions and construction of housing for rental, for low to moderate income
8 individuals and families; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Joey would serve nearly a decade on the newly reformed Public
10 Utility Commission (PUC) as an appointed commissioner and presiding Chairman
11 representing the business sector during the PUC's most formative years from 1985 to
12 1994, applying his background in economic principles and financial management that
13 were instrumental in establishing and developing regulatory practices, protocols, and
14 rules and regulations to govern the PUC in carrying out its supervisory duties and
15 issuing fair and just ratemaking decisions concerning the Guam Power Authority, the
16 Guam Waterworks Authority, and other regulated entities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, between 1995-2001, Joey became the Director of the Guam
18 Department of Revenue and Taxation charged with supervision and administration of
19 the Motor Vehicle Division and Regulatory Divisions, the issuance of various licenses,
20 examination of insurance, securities, and banking; Taxpayer Services; Real Property
21 Tax and Tax Enforcement divisions; and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and

22 **WHEREAS**, between 1998-2000 Joey also served as Vice-Chairman, then
23 Chairman of the Guam Election Commission, opened a business consulting office
24 (2001-2003); and alongside managing his private family-owned business interests,
25 performing his various public sector duties as a government official in various agencies
26 and governing boards, Joey also managed to contribute his time and energies in several
27 civic organizations: serving as Past President and member of the Rotary Club of Guam;

1 a proud and active member of the Father Duenas Alumni Association and benefactor in
2 various noteworthy campaigns including the Boy’s Chapel and Bell Tower Renaissance
3 and the Phoenix Center projects; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a devout Catholic, Eucharistic Minister and parishioner of the
5 Dulce Nombre De Maria Cathedral-Basilica, Joey served the Archdiocese of Agana as
6 its Finance Officer between 2003-2006 and took his turn as a member of Catholic
7 Schools Education Board; and in 2009 and 2012, respectively, Joey received a Papal
8 Lifetime Appointment to the Knight of St. Silvestre in recognition of his active
9 participation and contributions to the activities and work of the Dulce Nombre De Maria
10 Cathedral-Basilica parish and diocese, and a Lifetime Appointment to the Equestrian
11 Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem (EOHSJ) recognizing him for his assiduous
12 practice of Christian faith, his moral conduct, his exemplary involvement in the
13 activities of the Catholic Church at the parish and diocesan levels, his ecumenical spirit
14 and his active interests in the needs and problems of the Holy Land; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Joey’s retirement after four consecutive elected terms to the
16 Consolidated Commission on Utilities (CCU) represents 25 years in total service to
17 Guam’s public water and power utilities, Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) and
18 Guam Power Authority (GPA) respectively: 16 years on the elected CCU and 9 previous
19 years (1985-1994) on the Public Utilities Commission (PUC); and

20 **WHEREAS**, Joey’s 2009-2024 CCU tenure and leadership first as Treasurer,
21 Secretary, and then as CCU Chairman since 2015 marshalled in an era of consistent
22 management, a customer-centric ‘one-utility’ approach to certain GWA and GPA
23 services and operations, generating savings and efficiencies through the use of
24 technologies, shared assets and resources; helped built unanimity and accord in strategic
25 planning, prioritization, fiscally sound decision-making; and ultimately, enabling both
26 public utilities to attain milestones in their growth as autonomous agencies and guiding

1 them through the most challenging period of infrastructure renewal and investment in
2 the post-World War II era; and

3 **WHEREAS**, for more than 35 years, Mr. Joseph (Joey) T. Dueñas, has
4 distinguished himself as a model citizen in his various capacities as a successful
5 businessman, dedicated professional, government official, civic and community leader
6 and benefactor who by his words, actions and deeds has participated fully, significantly,
7 and impactfully in the advancing the interests and needs of our island family; now
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
10 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
11 of Guam, recognize Mr. Joseph T. “Joey” Duenas for his tireless, selfless dedication in
12 a lifetime of contributions, spanning more than 35 years, to our island and community,
13 do commend and congratulate him for his 16 years of service to the people of Guam as
14 a Chairman, and Member of the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities; and be it
15 further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
17 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
18 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph (Joey) T. Duenas; and to the Honorable
19 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

20 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**
21 ***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY***
22 **OF OCTOBER 2024.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary