

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

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 30, 1970, Guam’s first and only public television
4 station went on the air as KGTF, later known as PBS GUAM. In 1974, the Twelfth
5 (12th) Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 893 which was signed into law as Public
6 Law 12-194, which created a nonprofit public corporation to operate the television
7 station, KGTF; and the law went into effect on July 1, 1975, creating what is known
8 today as the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (GETC); and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, PBS GUAM constructed a new five thousand (5,000)
10 square-foot facility funded entirely through private contributions. In 1997, PBS
11 GUAM won the “Media Representative of the Year” Award, presented by the Guam
12 Developmental Disabilities Council for providing production services for the benefit
13 of the disabled community; and in 1999, the station was awarded the “Professional
14 Achievement and Performance” Award - Setbenten I Kuminidat by the Micronesia
15 Society of Professional Journalists; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, PBS GUAM began the federally-mandated process of
2 digitization with the installation of a digital-ready tower and antenna; and in 2009,
3 KGTF was officially rebranded to PBS GUAM to align with the national PBS; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, PBS GUAM was awarded with a Five Hundred
5 Thousand Dollar (\$500,000) grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the
6 upgrade of its broadcast and on-the-go equipment; and PBS GUAM initiated PBS
7 Kids Carnival, its first-ever live interactive show and festival featuring the stars of
8 the PBS Network Kids daytime lineup; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, PBS GUAM launched PBS Kids 24/7, the second
10 channel for PBS Guam. PBS Kids 24/7 is Guam’s only free television channel
11 dedicated to educating children and is broadcast for eighteen (18) full hours every
12 day. PBS LearningMedia was launched in May 2020 as Guam went into its first
13 COVID-19 lockdown. PBS LearningMedia is a free resource for Prekindergarten to
14 Twelfth (12th) Grade educators that supports distance learning and can be accessed
15 by students, teachers, and parents. PBS LearningMedia producers and educators
16 came together to curate a special collection of resources organized by grade and
17 subject area that includes videos, lesson plans, and activities that support learning at
18 home; and

19 **WHEREAS**, PBS GUAM recognized the importance of having many
20 educational tools in the home while dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, thus they
21 launched PBS University. PBS University provides students with televised
22 instruction in subject areas such as literacy, mathematics, and character development
23 that supports distance learning throughout Guam and the Commonwealth of the
24 Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The program was made possible through a
25 partnership between PBS GUAM and the Guam Department of Education (GDOE)
26 Division of Curriculum and Instruction, and it was funded through a grant from the
27 Governor’s Education Stabilization Fund (ESF). GDOE and PBS GUAM

1 collaborated with public school teachers to create lessons that students can easily
2 follow, with the aim of helping students to continue their learning at home; and

3 **WHEREAS**, PBS University has led to its spinoff, “PBS University Higher
4 Learning” which is aimed at students in secondary education; and PBS University
5 Higher Learning is geared towards fostering critical thinking and engaging in
6 agricultural topics of interest in the hopes of inspiring future farmers in the pursuit
7 of food security for Guam and the Marianas; and this series was also made possible
8 by funding from a grant from the Governor’s Education Stabilization Fund (ESF);
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, PBS Guam, under the leadership of General Manager Ina
11 Carillo, was selected to document the 13th Annual Festival of Pacific Arts and
12 Culture (FestPAC) in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2024, providing Guam’s community with
13 access to this world-renowned event celebrating Pacific Islander culture and arts.
14 PBS Guam produced extensive multimedia content, including live broadcasts, video
15 streams, social media updates, and articles, while also gathering footage for an
16 episodic docu-series and full-length documentary, showcasing Guam’s rich cultural
17 heritage on a global stage; and

18 **WHEREAS**, PBS Guam has undertaken a monumental project to preserve
19 Guam’s media legacy by partnering with the American Archive of Public
20 Broadcasting (AAPB) to digitize approximately 6,500 tapes and 150 film reels
21 dating from the late 1970s, valued at over \$175,000, which contain invaluable
22 historical and cultural programming. Once digitized, PBS Guam’s multimedia
23 archives will be housed at the Library of Congress, making Guam’s cultural
24 narratives accessible to regional, national, and international audiences, as well as
25 preserving them for future generations; and

26 **WHEREAS**, PBS GUAM’s success would not be possible without the people
27 who have played an important role in building PBS GUAM in its fifty-fourth (54th)

1 year of service; and it should be especially noted that the station's outstanding
2 performance; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since its humble beginnings in 1970, PBS GUAM has been
4 committed to serving the public interest by providing the people of Guam with
5 quality educational and cultural programming and events that is both entertaining
6 and informational. PBS GUAM has always made it their obligation to maintain an
7 honest, professional, and open relationship with the community. In accomplishing
8 this mission, their goal has been one of providing alternatives to current commercial
9 television programming, providing educational assistance to classrooms, and
10 serving the interest not only of the majority, but the minority as well; now therefore,
11 be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and
14 congratulate the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM)
15 on the occasion of its Fifty-Fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commend PBS
16 GUAM for their outstanding programming and services for Guam's youth and the
17 community; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
19 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
20 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Educational
21 Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM); and to the Honorable Lourdes A.
22 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
MONTH.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary