








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RESOLUTIONS

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GUÅHAN 2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Relative to censuring the disorderly, sexually explicit gesture committed by Senator William A. Parkinson during the October 2024 emergency legislative session

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Legislature requires that all senators conduct themselves
4 in a manner that reflects the highest standards of professionalism, respect, and integrity
5 during legislative sessions and in their interactions with colleagues, staff, and the public;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Legislature has the right to regulate the conduct of its
8 members and may discipline a member as it deems appropriate; and

9 **WHEREAS**, during an emergency legislative session on October 22, 2024, while
10 Senator Joanne Brown was recognized and engaged in debate during Committee of the
11 Whole on the session floor, Senator William A. Parkinson made a disorderly, sexually
12 explicit hand gesture, more accurately described as a hand jerking motion depicting

1 male masturbation angled towards Senator Brown. The gesture was not caught on live
2 video broadcast, but was made in full view of the legislative body and members of the
3 public and caused significant interruption, annoyance, inconvenience, and distress; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the incident was witnessed by several members of the public,
5 including members and staff of the Mayors Council of Guam who were in attendance
6 to support a floor amendment related to funding for the Council. President of the Mayors
7 Council of Guam, Jessie Alig, submitted a letter to the Speaker of the Legislature on
8 the same day, expressing that he was “appalled, outraged, and insulted at the demeanor
9 of Senator Parkinson” and requested discernment of ethical misconduct; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Senator Parkinson's disorderly, sexually explicit hand gesture
11 during debate on Bill 355-37 caused significant inconvenience, annoyance, and distress
12 to some members of the legislative body and public who were present in the Session
13 Hall, and can reasonably be construed as disorderly, sexually explicit conduct
14 specifically directed against a female colleague, creating a hostile and inappropriate
15 environment for women and men within the Legislature and setting a dangerous
16 precedent for the treatment of women; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes that adherence to decorum and
18 orderly debate is essential to the equality of all members and maintaining public trust,
19 and any violation of these standards must be addressed promptly and decisively to
20 preserve the dignity and integrity of the institution; and

21 **WHEREAS**, formal censure must be taken against Senator Parkinson’s
22 disorderly, sexually explicit gesture as a clear statement that such behavior will not be
23 tolerated on the floor of the Guam Legislature during legislative session; now therefore,
24 be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby censure Senator William A. Parkinson for his
27 disorderly and sexually explicit gesture towards a member of the Legislature during the
28 October 2024 emergency legislative session; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* certify, and the Legislative Secretary
3 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
4 Senator William A. Parkinson, and to Senator Chris Barnett, Chairman of the
5 Committee on Rules.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON DAY OF
MONTH 2024.**

Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Darrel Christopher Barnett
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary