

I MINA'TRENTAI KU'ATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GU'AHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

Resolution No.	Joe S. San Agustin	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
263-34 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Joe S. San Agustin Régine Biscoe Lee	Relative to commending and congratulating Guam Fire Chief Joey San Nicolas and the Guam Fire Department for his leadership and their dedication and support in pursuing the full adoption of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications Certification Program through the Saipan International Airport, Pacific Region ARFF Training Center; and further extend an Un Dangkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' for his service to our nation, region and our island community of Guam.	10/10/17 11:03 p.m.	10/19/17 8:00 a.m.						

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**
2 ***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Fire Chief Joey San Nicolas has served the Guam Fire
4 Department (GFD) and rose in the ranks to Chief of the Guam Fire Department in
5 October 2011 after his appointment and subsequent confirmation by the Guam
6 Legislature; and
7 **WHEREAS,** Chief San Nicolas began to tackle the numerous concerns and
8 issues that plagued the GFD with the support of the men and women; and
9 **WHEREAS,** one of Chief San Nicolas' goals was to enhance and build
10 capacity in the quality of each firefighter of the GFD by providing the training to
11 ensure the best possible outcomes when performing their duties as first-responders

1 by adopting the PRO BOARD Accreditation Standards to allow each firefighter to
2 equal and / or exceed other fire service within the United States who are
3 established as National Fire Service Certified; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Chief San Nicolas, through the Saipan International
5 Airport Pacific Region ARFF Training Center (PRATC), the regional agency
6 accredited to certify firefighters, local and Department of Defense, for numerous
7 firefighting courses within the Western Pacific Island Region began voluntary
8 PRO BOARD training for the men and women of the Guam Fire Department; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Chief San Nicolas continued, through a grant from the Fire
10 Grant Act from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to provide the free,
11 professional training and certifications for all Guam Fire Department Firefighters
12 through the Guam Community College; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Chief San Nicolas exemplifies his role as leader of the GFD by
14 ensuring the majority of his firefighters certified in Basic and Advance Level
15 Certifications and National Level Certification are fulfilled in requisite for various
16 leadership positions similar to U.S. Fire Departments and Department of Defense
17 Fire Service regulations for hiring and promotions, allowing Guam firefighters to
18 be competitive applicants to other U.S. and/or Department of Defense fire services;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, Chief San Nicolas has achieved what many of his predecessors
21 have worked toward accomplishing; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the PRO BOARD provides a national and international level
23 of recognition for members of the fire and emergency service who have
24 demonstrated proficiency in meeting National Fire Protection Association
25 professional qualification standards which require the agency to undergo a critical
26 assessment of their ability to meet the 19-point accreditation criteria that has
27 become the hallmark of integrity for the Pro Board system; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the PRO BOARD is to establish and
2 internationally recognized means of acknowledging professional achievement in
3 the fire service and related fields. The accreditation of organizations that certify
4 members of public fire departments, both career and volunteer is the primary goal.
5 National Certification allows for the portability of certification credentials across
6 the United States; serves as confirmation that the individuals meet the standards of
7 excellence as defined by national accrediting bodies and is a general recognition of
8 an individual's competency as measured against national standards; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Chief San Nicolas is to be commended for his leadership and
10 passion in providing the guidelines and tools necessary for the men and women of
11 the GFD to pursue success and enrichment in their life as a revered first-responder
12 on Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Chief San Nicolas' family, his loving wife, Lori B. San
14 Nicolas and their wonderful children: Lauren Tasi, Kamea and Rai-Kanoa are to be
15 recognized for their support of their husband and father and the tremendous role he
16 plays in ensuring the safety of the lives of the people of Guam; and, now be it;

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam
18 commend and congratulate Guam Fire Chief Joey San Nicolas and the Guam Fire
19 Department for his leadership and their dedication and support in pursuing the full
20 adoption of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
21 Certification Program through the Saipan International Airport, Pacific Region
22 ARFF Training Center: and further extend an *Un Dângkolo na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*
23 for his service to our nation, region and our island community of Guam: and be it
24 further;

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
26 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,

1 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Fire Chief Joey San
2 Nicolas; and to the Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE
____ DAY OF _____, 2017.**

**Regine Biscoe Lee
Acting Speaker**

**Regine Biscoe Lee
Chairman, Committee on Rules**

**Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.
Acting Legislative Secretary**