

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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337-34 (LS)	William M. Castro Joe S. San Agustin Fernando B. Esteves Therese M. Terlaje Telena Cruz Nelson Régine Biscoe Lee Louise Borja Muña Thomas A. Morrison	Relative to recognizing and commending the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the Guam Department of Agriculture - Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, and Division of Forestry and Soil Resources, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, the University of Guam (UOG) Sea Grant, the UOG Center for Island Sustainability, the UOG Marine Lab, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, the Guam Community Coral Reef Monitoring Program, the Micronesia Conservation Coalition, the Guam Nature Alliance, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Island Girl Power, the Marine Mania 4H Club, and the Office of <i>I Maga'låhen Guåhan</i> for their efforts in protecting our coral reefs and promoting the "Guam Year of the Coral Reefs" during 2018."	1/25/18 4:19 p.m.	2/2/18 9:00 a.m.	01/25/18

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BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, *Guåhan* is a partner in the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), an informal partnership between various nations and organizations which strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world, and which recognizes that coral reefs and related ecosystems found in tropical and sub-tropical regions are facing increasing degradation due to local anthropogenic stressors, global climate change, and ocean acidification; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* encourages the adoption of best practices in sustainable management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems for future generations, building local capacity, and raising awareness about the plight of coral reefs on *Guåhan* and around the world; and

WHEREAS, there is an international call-to-action by the ICRI to raise awareness and convey a sense of urgency regarding the local and global threats to coral reefs and other coastal ecosystems, the biological, social, cultural, and economic value of coral reef ecosystems, and the immediate need to reduce threats; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* supports research and monitoring programs, projects, and activities identified as essential to the effective management of coral reef ecosystems for the benefit of humankind and the plants and animals that depend on them, and promotes the development and maintenance of a global coral reef monitoring network and local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* calls upon other relevant organizations, including international entities, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, and scientific research communities, to undertake vital research and act on the effective management and preservation of our coral reefs, which face growing pressure from both local stressors and global threats; and

WHEREAS, Guam's coral reef ecosystems are connected to the provision of numerous goods and services in Guam, including cultural and traditional use, a growing tourism industry, recreation, fisheries, vital habitat for over five thousand (5,000) reef-associated species, and protection of our coasts from storms and erosion; and

WHEREAS, to build local capacity for coral reef management, engagement with communities should begin with influential leaders and experts, such as government officials, village mayors, local fishermen, and environmental activists; and

WHEREAS, Guam's reefs are a vital element of our culture and our way of life. The reefs and the many creatures that rely on these special ecosystems are a source of food and recreation, as well as a major attraction for the tourists that support our economy, and provide protection from storm surges; and

WHEREAS, despite the critical importance of our reefs, these unique and invaluable ecosystems are under constant threat from pollution, poor land use practices, recreational misuse and overuse, unsustainable harvesting of fish and other marine resources, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, over the past five (5) years, Guam's reefs have experienced repeated coral bleaching events due to ocean warming caused by global climate change; and the corals that protect our island, support fishing, and attract tourists have been severely degraded; and

WHEREAS, fishermen, divers, surfers, natural resource managers, engaged community members, and researchers all recognize the significant threats to our coral reefs and the cultural and economic practices that depend on them. Our community must come together to understand the challenges facing our coral reefs and take immediate action to preserve these ecosystems for our children and their children. In 2008, the Second International Year of the Reef, more than sixty-five (65) countries and territories worked together to promote coral reef awareness and take steps to help preserve these resources around the globe. On Guam, hundreds of residents participated in events to celebrate and protect Guam's coral reef ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 International Year of the Reef seeks to build on the successes of past efforts and strengthen awareness of the immense biological, social, cultural, and economic value of coral reef ecosystems, while generating urgent action at all levels to manage and protect coral reefs around the globe; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, we must take urgent and immediate action to prevent the loss of the island's coral reefs and the benefits they provide for current and future generations. Innovative partnerships involving all members of the community, as well as national and international partnerships, will be needed to help us conserve and sustain our precious coral reefs, now therefore, be it

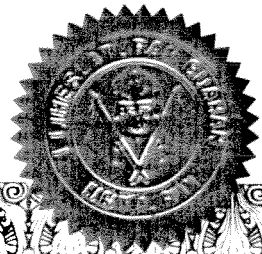
RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby recognize and commend the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the Guam Department of Agriculture - Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources and Division of Forestry and Soil Resources, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, the University of Guam (UOG) Sea Grant, the UOG Center for Island Sustainability, the UOG Marine Lab, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, the Guam Community Coral Reef Monitoring Program, the Micronesian Conservation Coalition, the Guam Nature Alliance, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Island Girl Power, the Marine Mania 4H Club, and the Office of *I Mags'åben Guåhan* for their efforts in protecting our coral reefs and promoting the "Guam Year of the Coral Reefs" during 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislature Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to all the stakeholders herein named; to Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, Commander Joint Region Marianas Guam, and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Mags'åben Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 25TH DAY OF JANUARY 2018.

BENJAMIN J. CRUZ
Speaker

REGINE INOCENCIO LEE
Legislative Secretary



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January 26, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator William M. Castro

SUBJECT: **Presentation of Resolution No. 337-34 (LS)**

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Please join me in presenting **Resolution No. 337-34 (LS)** - **William M. Castro, Joe S. San Agustin, Fernando Barcinas Esteves, Therese Terlaje, Telena Cruz Nelson, Régine Biscoe Lee, Louise Borja Muña, Thomas A. Morrison** - “Relative to recognizing and commending the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, Guam Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, Guam Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry and Soil Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, University of Guam Sea Grant, University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability, University of Guam Marine Lab, National Park Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, Guam Community Coral Reef Monitoring Program, Micronesian Conservation Coalition, Guam Nature Alliance, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Island Girl Power, Marine Mania 4H Club, and I Maga’lahen Guåhan for their efforts in protecting our coral reefs and promoting 2018 as “Guam Year of the Coral Reef.”

The presentation will take place on **Friday, February 02, 2018 at 9:00am at the Governor’s Large Conference Room, Adelup, Guam.**

I look forward to your attendance and participation should your schedule permit.

Si Yu’os Ma’ásé!
Respectfully,



Senator Wil Castro

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