

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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| 534-34 (COR) | Régine Biscoe Lee | Relative to recognizing the Second Annual Anniversary of the official Guam Diwali Festival of Lights, to be celebrated at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort Grand Ballroom on Saturday, November 3, 2018; and to further extending <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'äse'</i> to the Indian community of Guam for their continued contributions and dedication to the people of Guam. | 10/30/18 11:17 a.m. | 11/3/18 5:30 p.m. | | | | | | |

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2018 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 534 - 34 (COR)

Introduced by:

Régine Biscoe Lee

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

3 **WHEREAS**, this November, the official Guam Diwali Festival of Lights
4 returns, and celebrants will once again experience and celebrate the triumph of
5 light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over
6 despair; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Official Guam Diwali Festival of Lights is produced by the
8 same team that earlier this year brought to Guam the highly successful Holi Fest,
9 the Festival of Colors. Last year's Diwali celebration was the most successful ever
10 held on Guam, with over 700 attendees at the sold-out event; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a prominent and popular
12 festival in Hinduism. It is an official holiday in India, Fiji, Guyana, Malaysia,
13 Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Trinidad, and
14 Tobago, and the Sindh Province of Pakistan, and further celebrated around the
15 world; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the myths and stories regarding the origins vary within the
2 different regions and different religious traditions. However, they all point to the
3 joy and the celebration of Diwali with lights to remind us of the importance of the
4 spiritual light within all of us—of knowledge, self-inquiry, self-improvement,
5 knowing what is good, and seeking the right path. Diwali is symbolic of the idea of
6 resisting evil, dispelling darkness, letting your inner light shine, and holding
7 compassion for others; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this principle is illustrated by the idea that whatever God
9 blesses and bestows upon you and your family, village, or nation, you then have
10 the power— indeed the responsibility—to, in return, bestow your gifts upon others;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, this year, those who purchase tickets to attend the Official
13 Guam Diwali Festival of Lights at the Dusit Thani will also be sharing their
14 blessings and gifts with the Salvation Army, Hunter Speaks and other
15 organizations dedicated to children with Autism, and the Erica’s House, which
16 serves women, with or without children, who are in crisis from family domestic
17 violence and sexual assault; and

18 **WHEREAS**, women and the Divine Sacred Feminine are at the heart of
19 Diwali the Festival of Lights. All prayers offered by individual households during
20 the Festival are offered to Lakshmi, the Hindu Goddess who governs all form of
21 wealth, success and prosperity; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Lakshmi embodies sublime beauty, peace, strength, balance,
23 auspiciousness, opulence, and wisdom. She represents the spiritual wealth that we
24 can store and take with us into the next world. Some scholars note in this goddess
25 ancient parallels to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her four arms represent the four
26 goals of humanity: dharma (pursuit of the ethical, moral life), artha (pursuit of

1 wealth and means of life), kama (the pursuit of love and emotional fulfillment) and
2 Moksha (the pursuit of self-knowledge and liberation); now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuattro Na*
4 *Lihsaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guahan* and the
5 people of Guam, recognize the Second Annual Anniversary of the Official Guam
6 Diwali Festival of Lights, to be celebrated at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort Grand
7 Ballroom, on Saturday, November 3, 2018; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo*
8 *Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the Indian community of Guam for its continued
9 contributions and dedication to the people of Guam; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies
12 of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Sorensen Media Group; and to the
13 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guahan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE
__ DAY of NOVEMBER 2018.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE

Acting Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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Legislative Secretary