

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

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on April 7, 1917 the SMS Cormoran II was part of the first shots
4 fired by the United States entering World War I; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the SMS Cormoran II avoiding enemies throughout the Pacific
6 initially came to Guam in December 1914; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during this time Guam's Military Governor was against refueling
8 the SMS Cormoran II, but allowed the German sailors to come ashore; and

9 **WHEREAS**, for the next two and a half years the SMS Cormoran II and her
10 crew stayed safe on Guam and became very friendly with the people prior to the
11 Unites States' official entrance in World War I; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on that day, now at war with Germany, Captain Adalbert
13 Zuckschwerdt was ordered to surrender the SMS Cormoran II; and

14 **WHEREAS**, unaware of the new conditions, a supply boat returning to the

1 Cormoran failed to stop when ordered by U.S. sailors who then fired a warning shot
2 making it the first shot fired by the U.S. in World War I; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the German Captain, rather than surrender his ship decided that it
4 would be more patriotic to scuttle the Cormoran instead, which he did; and

5 **WHEREAS**, for the next 26 years the SMS Cormoran II would lay undisturbed
6 on the sea floor; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on August 27, 1943 during World War II, a U.S. submarine
8 torpedoed the Tokai Maru, a Japanese freighter; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Tokai Maru came to rest lying perpendicular against
10 Cormoran, making the site of the two ships the only place in the world where divers
11 can touch shipwrecks from two different World Wars at the same time; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the commemoration of the 100th year since the scuttling of the
13 SMS Cormoran II marks a significant part of history to Guam and the rest of the
14 world; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
16 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
17 of Guam commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the scuttling of the German Ship -
18 SMS Cormoran II, for its connection to Guam prior to World War I and its historic
19 presence in the depths of the peaceful waters of Guam; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
21 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
22 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Visitors Bureau and to the Honorable
23 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE
DAY OF APRIL 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary