




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 *I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:*

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4 WHEREAS, the people of Guam have been celebrating the anniversary of their
5 liberation from the Japanese Occupation seventy-three years (73) ago. During the
6 anniversary we pay our respect and remember the many Chamorros who have perished and
7 survived during the occupation. The annual Manenggon Memorial service event
8 commemorates the liberation of the Manenggon camp but also honors those from other
9 camps and sites throughout the island such as Chaguian, Asinan, Pigo, Fena, Faha, Tinta,
0 As Mateo, Umafit, and Mata ; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the march to Manenggon was one of the most brutal events that took
2 place at the end of the Japanese occupation of Guam. On July 1944, as the Americans
3 began to prepare for the liberation of the island. Almost all the people of Guam were forced
4 to travel to Manenggon as well as various camps throughout the island; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the location where the Chamorro people were ordered to march to was
6 located in a valley area located between the villages of Yona and Talofoyo. Thousands of
7 people, from far north in Yigo and as far west from Agat, from infants to the elderly, were
8 forced to march to the Manenggon camp, with as little as the clothes on their backs.
9 Southern villagers were collected mostly at inland campsites near Malojloj and Merizo; and

0 **WHEREAS**, this arduous march to Manenggon was difficult for many. People were
1 forced to walk through their hunger and restlessness. Some lost their lives during this
2 march. Young children were left to be cared for by their siblings and mothers lost their
3 babies during the march to Manenggon. Brutal beatings took place as victims tried to help
4 each other or went astray to locate food; at all costs the march to Manenggon had to be
5 completed; and

6 **WHEREAS**, fifteen thousand (15,000) marched to Manenggon building camps
7 throughout the site striving to survive, making temporary shelters with just coconut leaves
8 and tree branches. They got their water from the Manenggon river and did their best to
9 forage for food. The Chamorros were not meant to survive in the camp as they were forced
0 to march there so they may be massacred by the Japanese; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the plight of those in Manenggon would soon be over as American
2 patrols reached the outskirts of the Manenggon camps on July 30, 1944, and on July 31,
3 American troops took control of the main camps; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the people of Manenggon later made their way to refugee camps in
5 Agat where they were provided food and shelter. They were liberated from the tyranny of
6 the Japanese Occupation however, the experiences they had to endure during the Japanese
7 occupation would live in their memories forever; and

1 **WHEREAS**, each year the Manenggon Memorial Foundation, families of survivors,
2 those who have survived the occupation, community leaders and stakeholders join together
3 to remember and honor those who have suffered before Guam was liberated from the
4 Japanese Occupation. Moreover, memorial services are held throughout the various sites
5 where Chamorros lost their lives. Special services are held as well as various events take
6 place to pay respect and remember; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Manenggon Memorial Foundation as well as several organizations
8 and families reserve time in each year to always remember a time in Guam's history where
9 great loss and hardships took place. The foundation has been unwavering in their gracious
0 purpose in educating future generations about Guam's history and ability to survive
1 hardships and atrocities; now, therefore, be it

2 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
3 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of
4 Guam, commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the closing days of World War II on Guam
5 and to honor the survivors and memorialize those who perished in the concentration camps
6 throughout our island; and further extending an *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the
7 Manenggon Memorial Foundation for their unwavering commitment for instilling our
8 appreciation for the sacrifices, hardships and stories of the Chamorro people during the
9 Japanese occupation in WWII, and be it further;

0 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
1 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
2 same be thereafter transmitted to Manenggon Memorial Foundation therefore, be it; and to
3 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2nd
DAY OF July 2017.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

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

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary