

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 37-34 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to commending and recognizing the farmers of Guam for their incredible efforts at revitalizing the industry and to acknowledging the month of March 2017 as “Farmers Appreciation Month”; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse’* to the farmers of Guam for their outstanding commitment to serving our island, building our economy, and providing the freshest and healthiest local produce for food self-sufficiency for our families.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the time honored tradition of farming, which has a diverse history  
4 in Chamorro culture, serves as an integral part of the well being and growth of the  
5 island through the production of vegetables, fruits, poultry, fish, pork and non-edible  
6 ornamentals; and

7           **WHEREAS**, beyond its importance to our island community, farming as a  
8 trade contributes greatly to the family unit by fostering a work ethic founded on the  
9 premise of diligence and cooperation. It is especially beneficial to younger members

1 of the family because it teaches them the importance of working with others to  
2 achieve a common goal; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in order to deal with the forces of nature, the demands of a  
4 steadily increasing population, and a continuously massive importation of products to  
5 the island, farmers constantly strive to strengthen their position within the local  
6 market; staunchly defending and affirming that many imported agricultural products  
7 can be locally grown or raised; and

8 **WHEREAS**, because our society continues to grow both numerically and  
9 intellectually, farmers must assume varied roles if they wish to see their efforts come  
10 to fruition. The application of principles based on accounting, marketing,  
11 management, and bookkeeping is imperative to successfully running a local farm.  
12 They must also be knowledgeable on pest control, the proper use and maintenance of  
13 farming equipment, and hydrology and conservation practices; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as stewards of the land, farmers endeavor at all times to protect  
15 the environment. They diligently tend to their crops and livestock whilst investing  
16 substantial amounts of money, often facing financial hardship in times of natural  
17 disasters; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Farmers' Cooperative Association of Guam (FCAG) and the  
19 Pacific Farmers' Together Cooperative (PFTC) work with farmers to ensure that  
20 certain crops and livestock are made available and the potential of increasing  
21 production and sales is maximized; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Kuåttro Na*  
23 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the people  
24 of Guam, commend and recognize the farmers of Guam for their incredible efforts at  
25 revitalizing the industry and growing a sustainable economy for Guam; and does  
26 further acknowledge the month of March 2017 as "Farmers Appreciation Month"; and

1 extends a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the farmers of  
2 Guam for their outstanding commitment to serving our island, building our economy,  
3 and providing the freshest and healthiest local produce for food self-sufficiency for  
4 our families; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Tommy Tanaka, Jr., President, Farmers'  
8 Cooperative Association of Guam; to Dr. Marilyn Salas, President, Pacific Farmers'  
9 Together Cooperative (PFTC); to Mr. Matthew Sablan, Director, Guam Department of  
10 Agriculture; to Dr. Lee Yudin, Dean/Director, College of Natural and Applied  
11 Sciences, University of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'laha*  
12 *Guåhan*.

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

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**BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
Speaker

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

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Legislative Secretary