

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
264-35 (COR)	Telena Cruz Nelson Clynton E. Ridgell William M. Castro James C. Moylan	Relative to recognizing the founders, contributors, staff and patrons of the Guam Public Library System; and congratulating the public library on the occasion of its Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary celebration and the opening of their Archival Center.	12/12/19 3:28 p.m.	12/20/19 10:30 a.m.	12/17/19 2:03 p.m.					

Resolution No. 264-35 (COR)

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, leaders on Guam saw the need to provide school children and the general public with a community venue for literature and reading activities, and the Guam Public Library System opened on January 31, 1949 in the village of *Hagåtña*, as the "Guam Public Library"; and in the same year, the Eighth (8th) Guam Congress subsequently formed the "Guam Public Library System" as a division of the Guam Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Public Library originally operated out of two (2) Quonset huts, and when it first opened, it boasted a literary collection featuring more than thirteen thousand (13,000) volumes of fictional and technical literature which was donated mostly from shuttered U.S. Navy libraries and the Los Angeles Public Library. The Guam Public Library at that time was open twenty (20) hours a week with three (3) staff members; and it was the only source of public literature available to the island community, and so it served as an academic resource center for many of Guam's future leaders; and

WHEREAS, three (3) months after the death of prominent civic leader Nieves Mariano Flores, then-Director of Education Norbert Tabery recommended that the Guam Public Library be named after him. Flores, a native of the Philippines, devoted more than twenty (20) years of his life to education in Guam and also served as the Naval Government's Deputy Surveyor and Deputy Attorney. In 1922, Flores established the Guam Institute, which was considered the only successful private school in pre-war Guam and sought to meet the island's challenges with a high illiteracy rate and low English competency. The Guam Public Library System's Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the renaming of the *Hagåtña* library, and through a proclamation signed by Naval Governor Carlton Skinner in September 1949, the facility then became known as the "Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library"; and

WHEREAS, through Public Law 2-107 which was passed by the Second (2nd) Guam Legislature, the Guam Public Library System was separated from the Guam Department of Education and was established as an independent agency of the Government of Guam in 1954, and governed by a Guam Public Library Board appointed by the Governor of Guam and confirmed by the Guam Legislature; and

WHEREAS, with its continued growth and community investment, in 1960 the library moved from its Quonset huts to the first floor of the former Guam Administration Building in *Hagåtña*, where it continues to stand today. The library continued to grow and in 1968, acquired the second floor of the building and added air conditioning. In 1979, the final step toward creating more room at the library to meet increasing community demand came with the completion of the third floor of the structure most familiar to island residents today; and

WHEREAS, the library saw continued growth over the following years and they opened the Maria Rivera Aguigui Memorial Library in *Aigt* and the *Dededo* Branch Library in 1968, the *Barrigada* Branch Library in 1970, the Rosa Aguigui Reyes Memorial Library in *Merizo* in 1974, and the *Yona* Library Branch in 1993. Prior to the opening of the branches, however, the library had purchased a panel truck in 1952 to bring library books directly to patrons in other villages on Guam; and the truck was eventually replaced by the library's official bookmobile in 1975; and

WHEREAS, as a community resource center that was capable of housing important articles and documents, Governor Manuel F. Leon Guerrero in 1964 designated the Guam Public Library in *Hagåtña* as the official depository for Government of Guam documents, and the Twelfth (12th) Guam Legislature officially designated the facility as the government's depository in 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the library again dissolved as an independent agency and became a division of the Department of Chamorro Affairs under Governor Eddie Calvo. Citing a need for Guam's public library to consider initiatives that better foster literacy through traditional media and technology, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero signed an Executive Order on June 21, 2019 re-establishing the library as an independent agency of the Government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, after several facility renovations and upgrades were completed at the main *Hagåtña* library, the Guam Public Library System celebrated its Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary on November 26, 2019. The celebration highlighted the library's growth and included the unveiling of a new wall mural featuring Guam legends and promoting literacy by local artist and teacher Francis Labrador, as well as a new bookmobile, book collections, and the "*Plasan Pandit*" children's activity center; and

WHEREAS, with a growing inventory of documental materials, and at the direction of Acting Director R. Arlene Santos, the Guam Public Library System in 2019 moved documents in the government's depository to their new, permanent home in the library's Archival Center at the site of the former *Barrigada* Branch Library which closed as a circulating library on August 15, 2019; and the library system will celebrate the opening of the Archival Center on December 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Archival Center's mission is to store and collect Government of Guam documents submitted by the government and community. The facility features comprehensive collections on government agencies, villages, Catholic parishes, governors, senators, congressional delegates, language, culture, and the Guam militia. The center also includes newspaper articles from the Guam Recorder, the Pacific Journal, the Pacific Daily News, and the Guam Daily Post; and digitized legislative documents from the Eighth (8th) to Eleventh (11th) Guam Congresses and the First (1st) to Thirty-second (32nd) Guam Legislatures, in addition to various Guam posters, photographs, lithographs, and microfilms; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the founders, contributors, staff and patrons of the Guam Public Library System; and congratulate the public library on the occasion of its Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary celebration and the opening of their Archival Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to R. Arlene Santos, Acting Director, and the staff of the Guam Public Library System; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magåhågu Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker


RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



JSB
12-19-19

From: Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson <senatortcnelson@guamlegislature.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:05 PM
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org
Subject: Presentation Notice of Resolution No. 264-35

December 12, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators, Stakeholders and Media
FROM: Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson
RE: Presentation of Resolution No. 264-35 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

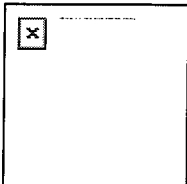
Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation for Resolution No. 264-35 (COR). "Relative to recognizing the Guam Public Library System on the occasion of their 70th anniversary and the opening of their Archival Center during the month of December 2019; and to further expressing Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the founders, contributors, and patrons of the public library for supporting literacy on Guam."

The presentation will take place at **10:30 a.m. Friday, December 20, 2019**, during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Guam Public Library System's Archival Center at the former Barrigada Branch Library.

We look forward to your presence and participation!

Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

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The Office of Vice Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson

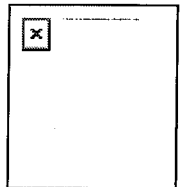
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~ Magof Nochebuena! (Merry Christmas!) ~

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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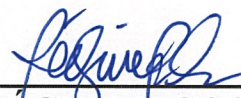
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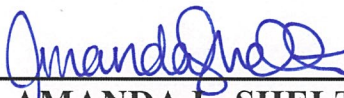
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Speaker



REGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules



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Legislative Secretary

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Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres,
Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

COMMITTEE ON RULES
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 264-35 (COR) – Telen Cruz Nelson, Clynton E. Ridgell, William M. Castro, James C. Moylan. – “Relative to recognizing the founders, contributors, staff and patrons of the Guam Public Library System; and congratulating the public library on the occasion of its Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary celebration and the opening of their Archival Center.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair		12/18/19	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chair	e-vote	12/16/19	✓		
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	e-vote	12/16/19	✓		
Vice-Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson Member		12/16/19	✓		
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	e-vote	12/16/19	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member	e-vote	12/16/19	✓		
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Senator James C. Moylan Minority Member					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	e-vote	12/16/19	✓		
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