

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2020, the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will celebrate its One Hundred and Ninth (109th) “Double Tenth National Day” of the establishment of the Republic of China, a day that commemorates the triumph over the Qing Dynasty, and the beginning of the Republic of China under the leadership of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen; and

WHEREAS, this day of triumph represents the resilience of the people who, after sixteen (16) years of several revolts and uprisings, successfully overthrew China’s last imperial dynasty in the Revolution of 1911, ushering in the first democratic republic of Asia after four thousand (4,000) years of monarchical rule; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2020 the Republic of China (Taiwan) held its seventh direct election in its history with the reelection of President Tsai Ing-Wen. Her successful reelection demonstrates the enduring strength of the country’s peaceful democratic process and acts as a beacon to the rest of the Asia Pacific region; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan), continues to be an important
2 democratic pillar in the Asia Pacific region; and through the United States' long-
3 standing relationship with the Republic of China (Taiwan), Guam shares with Taiwan
4 the universal values of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and

5 **WHEREAS**, we share a deep bond stemming from our Austronesian roots, the
6 CHamoru people of Guam and the Taiwanese Aborigines continue to preserve this
7 relationship inviting the tribes of Taiwanese Aborigines to the 2016 Festival of the
8 Pacific Arts hosted on Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, additionally, since 1973, the people of Guam have maintained a
10 special Sister City relationship with the people of Taipei City that has benefited Guam
11 and Taiwan through cultural exchanges, education opportunities, healthcare services,
12 and economic investments; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this relationship, which has lasted for over forty (40) years has
14 translated into deeper ties with our islands forging lasting friendships and economic
15 opportunities for our island; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Guam proudly hosts around thirty thousand visitors from Taiwan
17 each year, representing the third (3rd) largest number of Asian tourists to visit Guam,
18 further fostering economic growth in our island's number one industry; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) attended the annual
20 Taipei International Travel Fair (ITF), the largest and most popular travel show in
21 Taiwan, and won the brand-new ("ITF Theme Award" from the Taiwan Visitors
22 Association, further connecting the people of Guam and Taiwan; and

23 **WHEREAS**, prior to 2009, I Liheslaturan Guåhan had adopted Legislative
24 Resolutions commending the efforts of Taiwan to promote global health, and the
25 endorsement of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to observer status in the World Health
26 Assembly, the supreme governing body of the United Nations World Health
27 Organization (WHO); as well as to support the inclusion of the Republic of China

(Taiwan), in the United Nations Specialized Agencies, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

WHEREAS, On January 5, 2020, the WHO published their first Disease Outbreak News on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Wuhan China (People's Republic of China). Prior to the WHO's January 5th publication, the Republic of China (Taiwan) initiated a series of one hundred twenty-four (124) actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak from December 31st to February 21st. Due to their decisive action the Republic of China (Taiwan) currently has only 499 confirmed COVID-19 cases, and seven (7) deaths out of a population of twenty-three million seven hundred thousand; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 2020 the Republic of China (Taiwan) pledged to assist countries that were struggling to respond to the global pandemic by donating ten million (10,000,000) masks and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); and

WHEREAS, following the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s April 1st pledge Guam received 200,000 pieces of PPE equipment from the Taiwan's world-renowned China Medical University; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020, *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* introduced Legislative Resolutions reaffirming their support of Taiwan's participation in the WHO; and commended them on their successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the actions of the Republic of China (Taiwan) during the global pandemic illustrates that it is a responsible stakeholder in the international community; and that they desire to participate in the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam are grateful for the numerous contributions of the Taiwanese government and the Taiwanese Communities of Guam, especially their donation of PPE Equipment to our island; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
3 citizens of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on the occasion of its One Hundred and
4 Ninth (109th) “Double Tenth National Day” on October 10, 2020; and to further
5 commend them for their invaluable assistance to the people of Guam during the
6 COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further;

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to Her Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President of the
10 Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General of the Taipei
11 Economic Cultural Office in Guam ; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero,
12 *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF 2020.**

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Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary