

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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376-35 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to welcoming the dignitaries of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO) and expressing an <i>un dangkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'</i> for reopening (TECO) in Guam.	9/18/20 2:57 p.m.	10/10/20 10:00 a.m.						

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office
4 (TECRO) in the United States was established to promote bilateral relations between
5 the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS**, TECRO oversees 12 offices throughout the nation in Atlanta,
7 Boston, Chicago, Denver, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, San
8 Francisco, and Seattle. The resumption of operations in Guam will be the latest office
9 aiding our two democracies in fostering greater collaboration; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Guam and Taipei have maintained a sister city relationship for
11 forty-seven (47) years. This relationship began in 1973 and has led to cultural and
12 education exchanges and helped to advance investment and economic opportunities
13 in coordination with TECO in Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, through the efforts of TECO in Guam, our island's tourism
15 industry is strengthened welcoming around thirty thousand visitors from Taiwan

1 every year, which represents the third (3rd) largest visitor source market for Guam.
2 High school and college students from Guam participate in educational exchanges
3 in Taiwan. Medical professionals from Taiwan assist our doctors and nurses in
4 providing needed expertise to aid patients on our island; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the quality of care from Taiwan doctors have led more island
6 residents and patients to seek care in many of Taiwan's healthcare facilities. In
7 January 2020, the Guam Memorial Hospital signed a Memorandum of
8 Understanding with the Taipei Adventist Hospital as a referral hospital for patients
9 at Guam Memorial Hospital; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the work of TECO in Guam was instrumental in building a
11 deeper relationship and lasting bond between Taiwan and Guam. Despite the closure
12 of TECO in Guam in 2017, Taiwan continued to be a good friend to the people of
13 Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan assisted Guam by
15 providing supplies to our medical facilities including face masks; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the reopening of TECO in Guam comes at a critical time. TECO
17 in Guam will enable our people to come together to grow our economy and promote
18 democracy in the region; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam greatly value the many contributions to our
20 island from members of our close-knit Taiwanese Community who continue to be at
21 the heart of various community projects throughout our island; now therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
23 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, welcome the dignitaries of the Taipei
24 Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO) and express an un dangkolo na si
25 Yu'os ma'åse' for reopening (TECO) in Guam; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Her
3 Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan); to the
4 Honorable Paul Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
5 in Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary