

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 231-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative, which unifies non-profit business advocates and Pacific-centric business leaders to grow relationships between big and small businesses, to increase the economic impact of Pacific opportunities, to develop regional based policy priorities and advocacy, and to increase support for Guam and the United States affiliated islands of the Pacific; and does further encourage and extend support for the creation of a working group with the Guam Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Council of Micronesian Chief Executives, the Asian American and Pacific Islander Congressional Caucus, and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, during the Tenth (10th) Annual Council for Native Hawaiian
4 Advancement Convention in August of 2011, both United States Senators for Hawaii,
5 Senator Daniel Inouye and Senator Daniel Akaka, in their keynote speeches reaffirmed
6 that all of the islands of the Pacific must stand together in the face of pending budget
7 cuts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Senator Inouye, Chairman of the United States Senate Committee
9 on Appropriations, put his words and comments into action by preserving over Thirty-
10 Three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000) in Congressional appropriations for Guam, related
11 to the Strategic Realignment of Military Forces in the Pacific; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Senator Akaka has been a staunch advocate for the Pacific Islands,
13 including Guam, during his tenure as a Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on
14 Energy and Natural Resources, which has jurisdiction over the Pacific Islands and
15 Territories, and as a Senior Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services,
16 which authorizes policies related to the Department of Defense; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* understands that the actions taken by
18 Senator Inouye and Senator Akaka further illustrates the importance for Guam and the
19 Pacific to develop stronger and deeper ties with the Hawaiian Congressional
20 Delegation, and with Hawaii-based non-governmental organizations, such as the
21 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, whose focus is on community
22 empowerment through collaborative policy development and advocacy; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Anthony Babauta, Assistant Secretary of Insular Areas, U.S.
24 Department of Interior, was instrumental in identifying the need for collaboration
25 between non-profit business advocates and Pacific-centric business leaders, which
26 resulted in the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative;

1 **WHEREAS**, Assistant Secretary Babauta engaged Guam business and
2 community leaders to focus on empowering communities and expanding business
3 opportunities at the January 5, 2011 Guam Business Forum; and at the July 19, 2011
4 Guam Pacific Business Partnership Initiative Launch; and

5 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Pacific Business Partnership
6 Initiative is a valuable partnership among big and small businesses, community-based
7 organizations, and policy makers to strengthen the ability for Pacific dollars to remain
8 in the Pacific, and increase the economic impact of Pacific opportunities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative through its partners,
10 including the University of Guam and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement,
11 has developed strong and deep ties to Guam's non-profit and non-governmental
12 organizations; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the business enterprise aspect of the Pacific Business
14 Partnership Initiative, the Initiative will also seek to embody the principals of economic,
15 social and environmental justice, by ensuring that businesses, large and small, off-island
16 or on-island, understand that the best way to help a community is not only by working
17 to create employment, but also by being good corporate Pacific citizens who develop a
18 vision of community-based development and make corporate investments into local
19 non-profit and non-governmental organizations who fill the gaps in services where
20 government and private enterprise often cannot and do not reach; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on Guam is in a unique
22 position to bring together the Asian American and Pacific Islander Guam Business
23 Community and the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative is in a unique position to
25 bring together the Guam Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the White House Initiative on

1 Asian American and Pacific Islanders, and the Congressional Caucus on Asian
2 American and Pacific Islanders; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
4 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, recognize and commend the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative and its
6 goal of policy development, advocacy and funding support for Guam and the United
7 States affiliated islands of the Pacific; and does further encourage and extend support
8 for the creation of a working group between the Pacific Business Partnership Initiative
9 with the Guam Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Council of Micronesian Chief
10 Executives, the Asian American and Pacific Islander Congressional Caucus, and the
11 White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that will develop a
12 strategic plan, and support a delegation to the annual Council of Native Hawaiian
13 Advancement Conference; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
16 the same be thereafter be transmitted to Robin Danner, Executive Director of the
17 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; to George Lai, President of the Chinese
18 Chamber of Commerce of Guam; to Alfred Lam, Executive Vice President of the Guam
19 Chinese Chamber of Commerce; David Louis Bell, Council of Micronesian Chief
20 Executives; to Kiran Ajuha, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian
21 American and Pacific Islanders; to Congressman Michael M. Honda, Chairman
22 Emeritus of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Congressional Caucus; to
23 Congresswoman Judy Chu, Chairperson of the Asian American and Pacific Islander
24 Congressional Caucus; to Assistant Secretary Anthony Babauta, Office of Insular

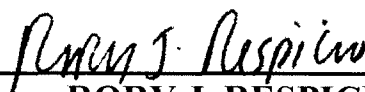
- 1 Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
2 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY
OF OCTOBER 2011.**



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RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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