

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 280-31 (COR)

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Relative to congratulating and commending the Guam Football Association on their “Inauguration of Football Turf and Mini-Pitches of the Guam Football Association”; and to further honoring and welcoming FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter on his visit to Guam.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** the Guam Football Association (GFA) was founded in 1975 in an
4 effort to establish football on Guam as a recreational activity; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with hard work, dedication and determination, the GFA became
2 official members of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) in
3 1996; and

4 **WHEREAS**, by its induction into the FIFA, the GFA-became an official
5 member of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC); and

6 **WHEREAS**, the GFA currently consists of approximately three thousand
7 (3,000) athletes and coaches, comprising fifty (50) to sixty (60) youth teams, thirteen
8 (13) teams in the men's division, and seven (7) teams in the women's division; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the under-16 and the under-19 teams, as well as the men's and
10 women's teams, have competed in numerous competitions, championships, and World
11 Cup qualifying events; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the experience they have gained has allowed the GFA teams to
13 compete in numerous tournaments off island, to include tournaments in the
14 Philippines, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, China, Nepal, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea,
15 Vanuatu, Fiji, and Palau; and

16 **WHEREAS**, these events wouldn't have been possible without the continued
17 support and assistance from the FIFA and the AFC; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the FIFA awards funds to organizations, such as the GFA, to
19 assist with Goal Program projects for the promotion and advancement of the sport of
20 football; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, the first FIFA Goal Program project was awarded for the
22 Guam Football Association Headquarters Building I, and the partial installment of
23 lights for the lower and upper fields, a total investment of over Five Hundred
24 Thousand Dollars (\$500,000); and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, the second installment of the FIFA Goal Program project
26 was awarded for the Guam Football Association Headquarters Building II, the

1 construction of a parking lot, futsal field, and to complete the installation of lighting
2 for the upper field, a total investment of over One Million Two Hundred Thousand
3 Dollars (\$1,200,000); and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the third installment of the FIFA Goal Program project
5 was awarded for the regulation sized Football Turf pitch, a total investment of over
6 Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000); and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, the fourth FIFA Goal Program project was awarded for
8 the Football Turf mini pitches, a total investment of over Five Hundred Thousand
9 Dollars (\$500,000); and

10 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* would like to honor and recognize FIFA
11 President Joseph “Sepp” Blatter, and welcome him on his momentous visit to Guam;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, President Blatter is an avid advocate for the perpetuation of
14 football in society as a form of health awareness and education; now therefore, be it

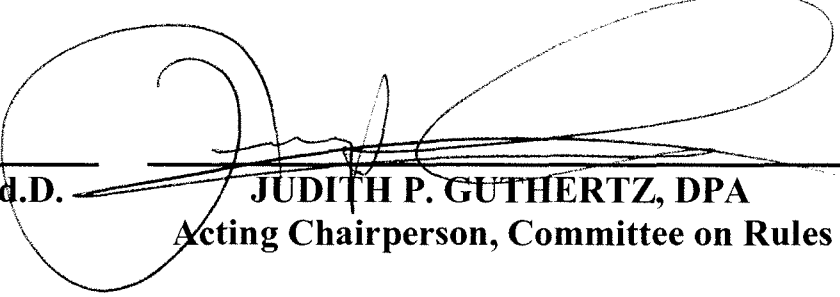
15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
17 of Guam, extend its heartfelt gratitude to the FIFA organization, and to FIFA
18 President Joseph S. Blatter for his continuous and generous support of the GFA, and
19 the promotion of football on the island of Guam; and does further congratulate and
20 commend the Guam Football Association for its dedication to the health and wellness
21 of the people of Guam by continuing to expand the facilities for additional football
22 activities, and as they commemorate the installation and completion of the world-class
23 turf pitch at the *Harmon* Field with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and presentation
24 entitled, “Inauguration of Football Turf and Mini-Pitches of the Guam Football
25 Association” on December 9, 2011; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, FIFA President; to Mr.
4 Richard K. Lai, GFA President; to Mr. Pascual V. Artero, GFA Vice President; to Mr.
5 George Lai, GFA Treasurer; to Mr. Valentino San Gil, GFA General Secretary; to Mr.
6 Frank Angoco, Ms. Rhoda Bamba, Mr. Joe Cepeda, Mr. Kenneth J. Lape, Ms.
7 Annette Spindel, and Mr. Gian Tenorio, GFA Executive Members; to Mr. Zhang
8 Jilong, AFC President; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the
9 United States Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren*
10 *Guåhan*.

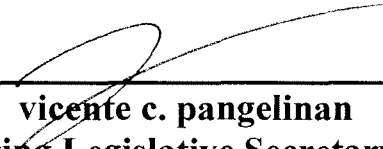
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY
DECEMBER 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Acting Legislative Secretary