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Relative to expressing the support of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for and recognizing the importance of the service of military reservists serving on Guam by urging President Barack Obama and the 112th United States Congress to reconsider funding cuts to the budget of the Department of Defense in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011; and to further encouraging the Department of Defense to reconsider any funding decrease to reserve military forces on Guam resulting from the deficit reduction provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** the Budget Control Act of 2011 (“Budget Control Act”) was
4 passed by the 112th United States Congress on August 2, 2011, which resulted in the

1 end of the United States debt ceiling crisis that had threatened to bring the country
2 into sovereign default; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act increased the debt ceiling of the United
4 States by Four Hundred Billion Dollars (\$400,000,000,000), thus requiring the federal
5 government to make Nine Hundred Seventeen Billion Dollars (\$917,000,000,000) in
6 spending cuts over a ten (10)-year period as a first installment to reduce the federal
7 deficit, in keeping with estimates from the Congressional Budget Office; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 also created the Joint Select
9 Committee on Deficit Reduction, also known as the Super Committee, which was
10 given a deadline of November 23, 2011, to identify and provide a recommendation for
11 approximately One and one-half Trillion Dollars (\$1,500,000,000,000) in deficit
12 reduction measures to be implemented over a ten (10)-year period, as the second
13 installment in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act; and

14 **WHEREAS**, an extensive cut to military spending and the overall Department
15 of Defense budget was one of the deficit reduction measures identified by the Super
16 Committee; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2011, the Super Committee issued the
18 following statement which indicated their inability to reach a consensus: “After
19 months of hard work and intense deliberations, we have come to the conclusion today
20 that it will not be possible to make any bipartisan agreement available to the public
21 before the committee’s deadline.”; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the failure of the Super Committee to reach an agreement means
23 that the Department of Defense is mandated to implement approximately Six Hundred
24 Billion Dollars (\$600,000,000,000) in across-the-board military spending cuts; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a large cut in military spending will result in a reduction in
2 personnel to the active duty branches of the United States Armed Forces, including the
3 Guard and Reserve components; and

4 **WHEREAS**, according to General Ray Ordinero, Chief of Staff, United States
5 Army, a significant decrease in guardsmen and reservists will result from a decrease in
6 the size of the Army, consequently limiting the Army's ability to aid local
7 governments during national disasters and other emergencies; and

8 **WHEREAS**, similar detrimental effects will be felt in all other branches of the
9 United States Armed Forces; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Guam's reserve military forces bravely serve in defense of the
11 freedoms enjoyed by our island and country, and are important in assisting with local,
12 national and international crises, conflicts, and emergencies; and

13 **WHEREAS**, more than two thousand (2,000) of Guam's military reservists
14 will be negatively affected by the proposed spending cuts, but because of many
15 variables not within their control, they are currently unable to determine what the
16 actual impact will be; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the important societal
18 contributions of Guam's reserve military forces, and all other components of the
19 United States Armed Services; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the vital defense role of
21 Guam's reserve military forces and the United States Armed Forces in keeping our
22 island and country safe; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the need to identify ways
24 to help reduce the national debt and improve the United States economy; and be it
25 further

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* urges President Barack Obama and
2 the 112th United States Congress to identify and recommend other alternatives for
3 deficit reduction before making cuts to the budget of the Department of Defense; and
4 be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, in recognizing and understanding
6 that spending cuts will inevitably be made to the budget of the Department of
7 Defense, encourages the Secretary of Defense to not make funding cuts to Guam's
8 reserve military forces; and be it further

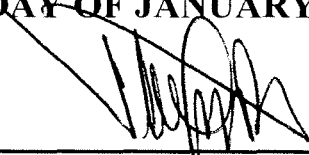
9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
10 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to General
11 Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau; to Lieutenant General William E.
12 Ingram, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; to Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt
13 III, Director, Air National Guard; to Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., Chief
14 of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command; to Vice Admiral
15 Dirk J. Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force; to
16 Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General,
17 U.S. Army Reserve Command; to Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr., Commandant, U.S.
18 Coast Guard; to Lieutenant General Steven A. Hummer, Commander, Marine Forces
19 Reserve and Commander, Marine Forces North; to Major General Benny Paulino,
20 Adjutant General, Guam National Guard; to the Honorable Leon Panetta, Secretary,
21 United States Department of Defense; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam
22 Delegate to the United States Congress; to the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of
23 the United States House of Representatives; to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,
24 President, United States Senate; to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the

- 1 United States of America; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen*
- 2 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary