

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to expressing humble and sincere condolences and sympathy to the people of Japan for the horrific loss of life, suffering and physical damage caused by an act of Mother Nature in the form of a magnitude 8.9 offshore earthquake and accompanying 33-foot tsunami which directly affected the city of Sendai, the capital of the Miyagi Prefecture in Japan.

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

3 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, devastation hit the country of Japan as the
4 community of the city of Sendai, the capital of the Miyagi Prefecture in Japan,
5 experienced a magnitude 8.9 offshore earthquake and accompanying 33-foot
6 tsunami; and

7 WHEREAS, hundreds of lives were lost and an immeasurable amount of
8 damage was caused to the residents and the infrastructure of the city as the
9 accompanying tsunami engulfed the port city of Sendai, collapsed buildings and
10 erased towns and low lying farming communities; and

11 WHEREAS, as word spread throughout the region and the world with
12 Tsunami warnings and aftershocks affecting other regions of the Pacific including
13 Guam, The Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii the Pacific West Coast of the United
14 States and other countries; individuals, entities and governments mobilized to offer
15 immediate assistance; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the island community stands in solidarity and at-the- ready
2 with our Japanese brothers and sisters in recovery efforts as is evident in aid drives
3 already visible throughout the island; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the efforts and honors the
5 sacrifice of the people of Japan, and the world community as they collectively
6 respond to assist those most affected by this calamity as they seek to provide relief
7 to families, friends, and unknown peoples suffering in the country; now therefore,
8 be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby expresses its humblest and
10 sincerest condolences and sympathy for the horrific loss of life, suffering and
11 physical damage to the people of Japan, and to all those who have lost loved ones
12 or have otherwise been affected by the tragedy caused by an act of Mother Nature
13 in the form of a magnitude 8.9 offshore earthquake and accompanying 33-foot
14 tsunami which directly affected the city of Sendai, the capital of the
15 Miyagi Prefecture in Japan; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* offers wishes of hope and
17 Godspeed on a quick recovery to the people of Japan and expresses solidarity with
18 the people of Japan and Japanese nationals and descendants residing in Guam; and
19 be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
21 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
22 to the Honorable Yoshiyuki Kimura, Guam Consul General of Japan; to the
23 Honorable Naoto Kan, Prime Minister of Japan; to His Imperial Majesty Akihito,
24 Emperor of Japan; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, member of the United
25 States Congress and to the Honorable Eddie B. Calvo, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.