

MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO ENCOURAGING THE MEMBERS OF THE GUAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE ISLANDWIDE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE THEIR EMPLOYEES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR WORK SITE ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE, WHENEVER PRACTICAL AND WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE OPERATIONS OF THE BUSINESS; IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE EMPLOYEES IN THE ESCALATING PRICE OF GASOLINE, TO MINIMIZING TRAVEL TIME TO AND FROM WORK, AND TO ENCOURAGE CAR POOLING.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

1 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* recognizes that the price of gasoline and fuel over
2 the past few years have continued to increase, directly affecting the cost of operating
3 businesses and has also affected the pocketbooks of Guam residents; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The business community has truly exemplified its leadership
5 throughout the island community by implementing cost reduction measures and
6 encouraging efficiencies as a result of these escalating costs and the need to remain
7 competitive within the business environment on Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Local business owners and managers in different ways exhibit support
9 for their employees through assisting in co-financing medical and dental insurance

1 expenses, and further provide assistance to many of the employee's family members
2 during their extreme time of need; and

3 **WHEREAS,** *I Liheslaturan Guahan* has recently introduced several pieces of
4 legislation that acknowledges the ever-increasing costs in gasoline and fuel, and which
5 provide for various alternatives for government of Guam agencies and entities to identify
6 and implement necessary measures to realize cost reduction in the area of fuel and gasoline
7 consumption; and

8 **WHEREAS,** a critical piece of legislation that was recently introduced into *I Mina*
9 *Trentai Uno Na Liheslaturan Guahan*, and if passed into law, would provide for government
10 of Guam agency heads to implement the practice of work site preference for public
11 employees, thereby allowing for employees to work, whenever practical and with no
12 negative impact to agency operations, at a location closest to their respective homes or the
13 work of their spouses; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the implementation of work site preference would allow for the
15 following: reduce the amount of gasoline usage by the employees, minimize the distance
16 required for the employees to travel to their work sites, reduce the traffic congestion on
17 Guam's roads, serve as an incentive to encourage car pooling, and provide added
18 convenience for employees and family members; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Trentai Uno na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf
20 of the people of Guam, encourage the members of the Guam Chamber of Commerce and

1 the business community to implement, to the greatest extent possible and without
2 adversely affecting the operations of their respective businesses, a work site preference
3 program for their employees, allowing the employees to work at a location closest to the
4 employee's home or the spouse's work site; an approach that could provide mutual
5 benefits to the business and its employees, through lessening the travel time to and from
6 work, reducing the amount of gasoline usage by the employees, reducing the traffic
7 congestion on Guam's roadways, encouraging car pooling amongst family members, and
8 improving employee and management morale within the business; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
10 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
11 Kaleo S. Moylan (former Lt. Governor of Guam), Chairman of the Guam Chamber of
12 Commerce; Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Chairpersons, Rotary Clubs
13 of Guam; Chairpersons, Guam Contractors Association; Chairperson, Guam Visitors
14 Bureau; and to the Honorable Edward J. B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Senator and Legislative Secretary