


***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No.** 281-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

M. Silva Taijeron 

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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 112<sup>th</sup> 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 further encouraging the Department of Defense to reconsider any funding decrease to reserve military forces on Guam resulting from deficit reduction provisions of the Budget Control Act of 2011.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (“Budget Control Act”) was passed by the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress on August 2, 2011, which resulted in the end of the United States debt ceiling crisis and had threatened to bring the country into sovereign default;

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act increased the debt ceiling of the United States by four hundred billion dollars (\$400,000,000,000.00) thus requiring the federal to make nine hundred seventeen billion dollars (\$917,000,000,000.00) in spending cuts over a ten-year period as a first installment to reduce the federal deficit, in keeping with estimates from the Congressional Budget Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Control Act of 2011 also created the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, also known as the Super Committee, which was

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1 given a deadline of November 23, 2011, to identify and provide a recommendation for  
2 approximately one and one-half trillion dollars (\$1,500,000,000,000.00) in deficit  
3 reduction measures to be implemented over a ten-year period, as the second  
4 installment in accordance with the provisions of the Budget Control Act; and

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

8 **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2011, the Super Committee issued the  
9 following statement which indicated their inability to reach a consensus: "After  
10 months of hard work and intense deliberations, we have come to the conclusion today  
11 that it will not be possible to make any bipartisan agreement available to the public  
12 before the committee's deadline."; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the failure of the Super Committee to reach an agreement means  
14 that the Department of Defense is mandated to implement approximately six hundred  
15 billion (\$600,000,000,000.00) in across-the-board military spending cuts; and

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

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

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

1       **WHEREAS**, Guam's reserve military forces bravely serve in defense of the  
2 freedoms enjoyed by our island and country, and are important in assisting with local,  
3 national and international crisis, conflict or emergency; and

4       **WHEREAS**, more than two thousand of Guam's military reservists will be  
5 negatively affected by the proposed spending cuts but, because of many variables not  
6 within their control, are unable currently determine what the actual impact will be;  
7 now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

17       **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* urges President Barack Obama and  
18 the 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress to identify and recommend other alternatives for  
19 deficit reduction before making cuts to the budget of the Department of Defense; and  
20 be it further

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

25       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
26 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to General

1 Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General William E.  
2 Ingram Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Harry M. Wyatt III,  
3 Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General Charles E. Stenner Jr., Chief of Air  
4 Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command; Vice Admiral Dirk J.  
5 Debbink, Chief of Navy Reserve and Commander, Navy Reserve Force; Lieutenant  
6 General Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve and Commanding General, U.S. Army  
7 Reserve Command; Admiral Robert J. Papp Jr., Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard;  
8 Lieutenant General Steven A. Hummer, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and  
9 Commander, Marine Forces North; Major General Benny Paulino, Adjutant General,  
10 Guam National Guard; Leon Panetta, Secretary, United States Department of Defense;  
11 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress;  
12 the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;  
13 the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President, United States Senate; the Honorable  
14 Barack Obama, President of the United States of America; and to the Honorable Eddie  
15 B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2011.**

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**