

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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244-32 (COR)	T. R. Muna Barnes Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. B. J.F. Cruz	Relative to congratulating the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan Community in recognition and commemoration of their Independence on the auspicious occasion of the 19th Annual Celebration of the Establishment of the Republic of Belau.	10/1/13 11:00 a.m.	10/5/13 7:00 p.m.			10/04/13

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2013 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 244-32 (COR)

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Relative to congratulating the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan community in recognition and commemoration of the auspicious occasion of the 19th Annual Celebration of the establishment of the Republic of Belau.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Palauans first greeted the British traders and government officials
4 who were prominent visitors in the 18th century, followed by the expanding Spanish
5 influence of the 19th century. After the serious confrontation in Micronesia between
6 Spain and Germany, war was averted when Pope Leo XIII arbitrated the conflict and
7 issued the Protocol of Rome in 1885 that reaffirmed Spanish sovereignty in
8 Micronesia, but gave rights to do business and enter ports to Germany. Financially

1 exhausted with administering its colonies in Micronesia, Spain sold the islands to
2 Germany in 1899 for 4.2 Million Dollars. The German Eagle prevailed, taking all the
3 island groups except Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the control of Micronesia then passed to Japan in 1914 by virtue
5 of the Japanese monitoring of German warships during World War I, and the islands
6 were legally granted to Japan by the League of Nations as a mandate in 1920 at the
7 Paris Peace Conference. After the defeat of Japan in World War II, and the historic
8 battles of Peleliu and Angaur in September 1944 that took the lives of more than
9 2,000 Americans and 10,000 Japanese, the United States gained control of what was
10 then called the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands through the United Nations
11 auspices in 1947 as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, with Palau being
12 administered as one of the three island groups' six districts; and

13 **WHEREAS**, after forty-seven years as part of the U.N. Trust Territory of the
14 Pacific Islands under a U.S. administration, Palau's leaders opted for separation from
15 the other island areas in a special referendum in 1978; and on July 9, 1980, the Palau
16 Constitution was ratified, and its first constitutional elections were held. The islands
17 then became known as the Republic of Palau in 1981; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Palau adopted self-government by way of its Constitution and the
19 Compact of Free Association with the United States, which was approved in 1993
20 after eight referendums and an amendment to the Palau Constitution; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in May 1994, the United Nations Trusteeship Council issued a
22 Resolution requesting the Government of the United States, in consultation with the
23 Government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about October 1, 1994, for the full entry
24 into force of the Compact of Free Association; and in July 1994, the President of the
25 United States, the Honorable William Clinton, reaffirmed October 1, 1994, as the
26 effective date of the Compact, provided, that all legal challenges to the Compact had
27 been resolved and they had been so resolved; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is an island nation in the northern Pacific
2 Ocean, located east of the Philippines, and perched on the Kyushu-Palau Ridge. The
3 westernmost cluster of the Caroline Islands consists of 20 large islands and 566
4 smaller islands, and is one of the world’s youngest and least populated nations; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Koror, or “Oreor,” the largest town in Palau, is where seventy
6 (70) percent of the Republic’s population live and is the place that hosts most annual
7 festivities and special events for the island nation, and was the site of the Palauan
8 Capital from the time of its Independence in 1994 to 2006, when Melekeok became
9 the new Capital; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau joined the United Nations as its 185th
11 member, and took its seat in the U.N. in December 1994; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the splendor of Palau’s tropical wonder, with emerald green
13 islands stretching for many spectacular miles across pristine azure waters, is a Pacific
14 jewel of limestone coral reefs rising majestically from the sea, nourished by ocean
15 currents and sculpted by nature and time, creating the stunning, world-famous Rock
16 Islands of Palau, a marvel of nature; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Palau was named as the number one Underwater Wonder of the
18 World by Conservation, Education, Diving, Awareness and Marine-Research
19 (CEDAM) International, an organization of divers, marine scientists and
20 conservationists. Spectacular scuba diving locales, with coral reefs, blue holes, WWII
21 wrecks, hidden caves and tunnels, and over 60 vertical drop-offs are found in Palau,
22 where three major ocean currents meet to create an environment of abundance and
23 enormous variety of marine life; the waters surrounding the Rock Islands literally
24 teem with over 1,500 varieties of reef and pelagic fish, and more than four times the
25 number of coral species found in the Caribbean; and

26 **WHEREAS**, this small nation, a world leader in the global struggle to save our
27 planet, stands tall among the nations setting new standards for environmental

1 stewardship and nature conservancy, which has contributed enormously towards the
2 progress of the people of Palau. The traditional leadership, the National Congress, and
3 the President, have worked together to move towards developing a thriving and
4 prosperous tourism industry and a vibrant future based on cultural integrity and
5 protection of its natural resources; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Palau's wealth is not just found in its natural beauty, but also in a
7 blessing of human resources, a well-educated and highly talented people, an
8 integration of modern technology, and developed techniques to weave these sources of
9 natural and human wealth together to promote, protect, and conserve the most
10 important resource of all: the traditions, culture, and history of a free and independent
11 people, the nation of the Republic of Belau; and

12 **WHEREAS**, soon after World War II, the diversity of peoples from Palau
13 brought their culture of hard work and respect for family and traditions to Guam, their
14 home away from home; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2013, the Republic of Palau celebrates its 19th year
16 of Independence commemorating the establishment of its statehood, followed by the
17 Palauan community celebration on Guam on October 5, 2013; and

18 **WHEREAS**, from the mid-1970s to the early 1990s, the Palauan Community
19 Association of Guam (PCAG) had an *abai* (community meeting house) at the *Harmon*
20 cliffline area; and after several years of keeping a low profile, the PCAG has
21 refocused its efforts on revitalizing the organization and the Palauan community on
22 the island; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in July 2013, three state clubs, Melekeok, Ngiwal, and Ngchesar,
24 combined their resources and built a new *abai* (meeting house) in the *Lada* area of
25 *Dededo*; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the PCAG is the umbrella organization of all the Palauan non-
27 profit organizations on Guam, representing the sixteen (16) states comprising the

1 Republic of Palau (Aimeliik, Airai, Angaur, Hatohobei, Kayangel, Koror, Melekeok,
2 Ngaraard, Ngarchelong, Ngardmau, Ngatpang, Ngchesar, Ngeremlengui, Ngiwal,
3 Peleliu, and Sonsorol); and

4 **WHEREAS**, from February to June 2013, the PCAG partnered with the Palau
5 Softball League (PSL) to coordinate an annual softball tournament, which was held at
6 the “Bill Muna Baseball Field” in *Mangilao*. The PSL gives further assistance and
7 support to the *Mangilao* Mayor’s office by undertaking the beautification and upkeep
8 of the field throughout the year. The PSL stays committed to its partnership with the
9 PCAG by developing youth-focused programs that provide alternative sports and
10 healthy activities for Palauan youth; and

11 **WHEREAS**, from December 2012 to January 2013, the PCAG rallied the
12 community and coordinated a disaster relief drive in response to Typhoon Bopha that
13 devastated Palau two weeks before Christmas. The Palau Community Association of
14 Guam (PCAG) donated Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to the Palau Chapter of the
15 Red Cross, and also coordinated a month-long relief drive, collecting enough non-
16 perishable items to fill a 20-foot container, which was shipped to Palau to help those
17 most in need; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palau Community Association of Guam are
19 proud to be strong supporters of our island, and the general island community, in
20 contributing to various educational, sports, and community charities over the past
21 several years; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palauan community have continued to enrich
23 our proud tradition of diversity and endow our island of Guam with their unique and
24 collective strength; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na*
26 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
27 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Palau Community Association of Guam and

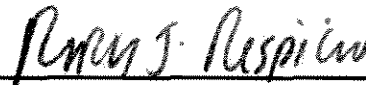
1 the Palauan community on the 19th Annual Celebration of the establishment of the
2 Republic of Palau, and join with the people of the Republic of Palau as they
3 commemorate their 19th Independence Day by means of this celebration; and does
4 further extend a sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'âse'* to all our fellow Palauans
5 on Guam for the positive contributions they have made for the betterment of our
6 island community; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau, President
10 of the Republic of Palau; to the Council of Chiefs; to the Palau Community
11 Association of Guam; to Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo; and to the
12 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

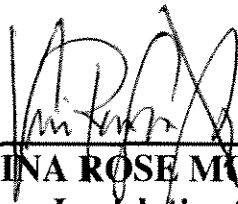
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON
THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2013.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/4/13	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/4/13	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/4/13	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member					
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/4/13	✓		
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