

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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288-32 (COR)	T.R. Muña Barnes, R. J. Respicio	Relative to recognizing and commending all those involved in the restoration and rededication of the Plaza de España in Hagatña, in commemoration of an iconic piece of Guam's rich history	12/26/13 3:37 p.m.	12/30/13			12/30/13

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

Resolution No. 288- 32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending all those involved in the restoration and rededication of the *Plaza de España* in *Hagåtña*, in commemoration of an iconic piece of Guam's rich history.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the *Plaza de España* was the center of political power in Guam
4 for over 200 years during the Spanish, American, and Japanese occupations; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1736, during the Spanish rule of Guam, the original Governor's
6 Palace was built, which housed the office and residence of the Spanish Governor, and
7 was the principal structure in the complex of buildings and gardens; and

1 **WHEREAS**, during the Spanish occupation, the *Plaza de España* was named
2 the *Plaza de Magalahaes*, and the Governor's Palace was called the *Casa Gobierno*,
3 being first occupied by Governor Francisco Cardenas Pacheco; and

4 **WHEREAS**, 1885, during the rule of Governor Don Enrique Solano, the
5 original palace was reconstructed to replace the original structure built in 1736; and

6 **WHEREAS**, most of the buildings in the *Plaza de España* were constructed in
7 the traditional Spanish style of either wood or manposteria (a combination of rough
8 coral stones set in place and covered with a smooth lime mortar), and featured a
9 cantilevered balcony with clay tile roofing; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the two-story manposteria building, the living quarters were
11 situated on the second level while the first floor spaces were utilized as the office of
12 the *Sargento Mayor de la Plaza*, weapons storerooms, and clerical offices; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1898, following the Spanish-American War, Guam was ceded
14 from Spain to the United States, wherein the American rule implemented changes in
15 the Palace, to include, laying a cement floor and converting the lower storerooms into
16 administrative office spaces. The second floor contained a reception area, the dining
17 room, galleries, and private spaces for the governor and his family. Kitchen facilities
18 and servants' quarters were located in the rear section of the building; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1941, the Japanese Special Naval Landing Force landed at
20 numerous points of the island, and advanced toward *Agaña*, where the Guam Insular
21 Forces Guard, along with U.S. Sailors and Marines took up defensive positions in the
22 *Plaza de España*; however, resistance appeared hopeless resulting in the American
23 Governor, Captain George J. McMillin, USN, surrendering the island to the Japanese
24 in the *Plaza de España*; and

1 **WHEREAS**, during the occupation of Guam by the Japanese, the Governor’s
2 Palace became the headquarters of the Japanese occupation forces until the American
3 invasion and bombardment in July, 1944; and

4 **WHEREAS**, most of the Palace was destroyed during the shelling of *Hagåtña*
5 during the retaking of Guam in World War II; however, there are three structures still
6 standing, including the three-arch gate to *Almacen (Arsena)*, the *Azotea* or back porch,
7 and the Chocolate House; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the *Plaza de España* today continues to be the site for numerous
9 social and civic functions, including the inauguration of the Governor of Guam,
10 emphasizing its significance in Guam’s history; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in September 2012, Governor Eddie Baza Calvo signed the 1.3
12 Million Dollar contract for the repair and renovation construction work to begin at the
13 *Plaza de España*, which covers all historic structures within the *Plaza*, such as the
14 restoration of the walls, the restoration and rehabilitation of the *Azotea*, and the
15 restoration of the Chocolate House; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the *Plaza de España* has been restored and revitalized as part of
17 our dream to rebuild our capital city, and it will continue to serve as a tourist
18 attraction, to be embraced as a place of pride for our island residents, and a place
19 where we know it can be utilized and appreciated by our island’s future generations;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam come together on this day to celebrate the re-
22 opening of the newly restored *Plaza de España*; now therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trentai Dos Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, recognize and commend the Office of the Governor, the Guam Economic
26 Development Authority, the *Hagåtña* Mayor’s Office, the *Hagåtña* Restoration and

1 Redevelopment Authority, the Department of Chamorro Affairs, and the Guam
2 Legislature on the successful restoration of the *Plaza de España*, an iconic piece of
3 Guam's rich history; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
5 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
6 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Henry Taitano, Administrator,
7 GEDA; to Mayor John Cruz; to Mr. John Calvo, Chairperson, *Hagåtña* Restoration
8 and Redevelopment Authority; to Mr. Joseph Cameron, President, Department of
9 *Chamorro* Affairs; to Mr. Vince Arriola, Executive Director, 32nd Guam
10 Legislature; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH
DAY OF DECEMBER 2013.**



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Acting Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>RJ</i>	1-6-14	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>TADA</i>	12/30/13	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>JTP</i>	1-6-14	✓		
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LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>TMB</i>	12/30/13	✓		
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SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member					
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 Date: 12-30-13

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Name: J. TAICAGILLE *ll* Certified _____ Returned

Date: 1/6/14

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