

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
435-32 (LS)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	Relative to recognizing and commending Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense for providing exceptional service and support to the people of Guam and extends an Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase for their unwavering commitment in carrying out the Department of Homeland Security's mission in preserving the homeland security and defense on a local and national level.	8/19/14 3:12 p.m.	8/26/14 1:00 p.m.			08/19/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 435-32 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Homeland Security (GHS) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) for providing exceptional service and support to the people of Guam; and to further extending *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the GHS and OCD for their unwavering commitment to carrying out the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's mission in preserving the homeland security and defense on the local and national level.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Homeland Security (GHS) has upheld its mission to
4 protect the people of Guam since its inception in 2003, and it has worked diligently to

1 carry out the mission of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with its
2 counterparts and allies, in the protection of the American people; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the GHS continues to be the counterpart agency of the U.S.
4 Department of Homeland Security in coordinating America's defensive efforts, and in
5 overseeing the homeland security here on Guam. The protection and well-being of our
6 island and its people requires that our government fully support the national homeland
7 security's endeavors, and the GHS continues to do so in an exceptional manner; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), since its establishment in
9 1951, has similarly worked to carry out its mission to ensure Guam is prepared for
10 disasters or emergencies; to provide for the common defense; to protect the public's
11 peace, health and safety; and to preserve the lives and property of the people of Guam;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, to date, the GHS and OCD have been able to build strong
14 partnerships with all of the government of Guam agencies, the private sector, and our
15 U.S. military counterparts by actively promoting the importance of the protection and
16 well-being of our island and its people; and by also conveying to them the importance
17 of supporting the national homeland security's endeavors; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in supporting the endeavors, the GHS and OCD have adopted
19 comprehensive and well-coordinated plans that fully ensure the safety of Guam and its
20 people. These plans include the protection of key resources, whether publicly or
21 privately owned, that play a major part of our economy; and the protection of Guam
22 and its people from terrorism, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, lawless violence, or
23 any possible threat, whether man-made or natural; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the GHS and OCD continue to uphold the mission of the U.S.
25 Department of Homeland Security, as they have continuously put forth plans for
26 disaster preparedness, and actions of response for the numerous tropical storms and

1 typhoons our island has endured. The Agencies have also been partners of our
2 neighboring islands in the Western Pacific, as they too have been faced with natural
3 calamities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the government of Guam has been an excellent partner of the
5 GHS and OCD, as it has also put forth the resources and services needed by our island
6 community during dangerous weather conditions, and potential man-made threats to
7 our island community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the GHS and OCD's commitment to their mission to protect our
9 people continues to strengthen, and the Agencies continue to be a recipient of
10 numerous grant awards that fund various programs and efforts that ensure the
11 Agencies have the ability to plan and respond to various events and attacks. The
12 leadership within the GHS and OCD, including Mr. Jim McDonald, Mr. Ambrosio
13 Constantino, and their staff, has been instrumental in the productivity pertaining to the
14 GHS and OCD's mission; and

15 **WHEREAS**, recently, the GHS and OCD activated the Joint Information
16 Center (JIC) to ensure our preparedness and response for the tropical storms that
17 occurred in July and August 2014. Immediately, the GHS and OCD took the helm and
18 brought forth the most comprehensive information and warning to the people of
19 Guam, so that they may be better prepared for the projected dangers to our island from
20 these severe storms; and

21 **WHEREAS**, various individuals in the government of Guam, the U.S. military,
22 and the private sector were able to be part of the Agencies' efforts during the planning
23 to prepare our island for these storms. Through these collaborative efforts led by the
24 GHS and OCD, our people were able to get to shelters and prepare for the storms. The
25 commitment by the GHS and OCD to protect our island and its people continues to be
26 unwavering; now therefore, be it

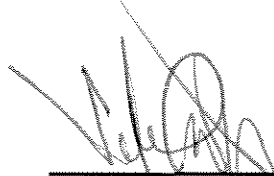
1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Guam Homeland
3 Security (GHS) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) for providing exceptional
4 service and support to the people of Guam; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na*
5 *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the GHS and OCD for their unwavering commitment to carrying
6 out the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's mission in preserving the homeland
7 security and defense on the local and national level; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
9 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam
10 Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
11 Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2014.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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Legislative Secretary