

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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202-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes B. J.F. Cruz Frank F. Blas, Jr. V. Anthony Ada	Relative to congratulating the Palauan Community Association of Guam and the Palauan Community in recognition and commemoration of the auspicious occasion celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau.	10/06/15 12:52 p.m.	10/10/15 11:00 a.m.					10/09/15

IMINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 202-33 (COR)

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Relative to congratulating the Palauan Community Association of Guam and the Palauan Community in recognition and commemoration of the auspicious occasion celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Palauans first greeted the British traders and government officials
4 who were prominent visitors in the 18th century, followed by expanding Spanish
5 influence of the 19th century; and after serious confrontation in Micronesia between
6 Spain and Germany, war was averted when Pope Leo XIII arbitrated the conflict and

1 issued the Protocol of Rome in 1885 that reaffirmed Spanish sovereignty in
2 Micronesia, but gave Germany rights to do business and enter ports. Financially
3 exhausted with administering its colonies in Micronesia, Spain sold the islands to
4 Germany in 1899 for 4.2 Million Dollars. The German Eagle prevailed, taking all the
5 island groups except Guam; and

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, Palau adopted self-government by way of its Constitution and the
21 Compact of Free Association with the United States, which was approved in 1993
22 after eight referendums and amendment to the **Palau's original nuclear-free**
23 Constitution; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in May 1994, the United Nations Trusteeship Council issued a
25 Resolution requesting the Government of the United States, in consultation with the
26 Government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about October 1, 1994, for the full entry
27 into force of the Compact of Free Association; and in July 1994, the President of the

1 United States, the Honorable William Clinton, reaffirmed October 1, 1994, as the
2 effective date of the Compact, provided, that all legal challenges to the Compact had
3 been resolved and they had been so resolved; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 teem with over 1,500 varieties of reef and pelagic fish, and more than four times the
2 number of coral species found in the Caribbean; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this small nation, a world leader in the global struggle to save our
4 planet, stands tall among the nations setting new standards for environmental
5 stewardship and nature conservancy which has contributed enormously towards the
6 progress of the people of Palau. The traditional leadership, the National Congress, and
7 the President, have worked together to move towards developing a thriving and
8 prosperous tourism industry and a vibrant future based on cultural integrity and
9 protection of its natural resources; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, soon after World War II, the diversity of peoples from Palau
17 brought their culture of hard work and respect for family and traditions to Guam, their
18 home away from home and formed the Palauan Community Association of Guam
19 (PCAG); and

20 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2015, the Republic of Palau celebrates its 21st year
21 of Independence commemorating the establishment of its nationhood followed by the
22 PCAG celebration on Guam on October 10, 2015; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in the mid 1970's through the early 1990's, the PCAG had an
24 *abai* (community meeting house) in the Harmon cliff line area, and after several years
25 of keeping a low profile, the organization refocused its efforts in the late 2000's to
26 revitalize the organization and the Palauan community on island; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in August 2008, the Peleliu Club of Guam built a new *Ngarablod*
2 Abai in the Lada area of Dededo, followed by the building of the Asahi Abai which
3 was built by the combined Melekeok, Ngiwal, and Ngschesar clubs in July 2003; and

4 **WHEREAS**, PCAG is the umbrella organization of all Palauan non-profit
5 organizations on Guam, representing the sixteen (16) states comprising the Republic
6 of Palau (Aimeliik, Airai, Angaur, Hatohobei, Kayangel, Koror, Melekeok, Ngaraard,
7 Ngarchelong, Ngardmau, Ngatpang, Ngchesar, Ngeremlengui, Ngiwal, Peleliu, and
8 Sonsorol); and

9 **WHEREAS**, from February to June 2014, PCAG partnered up with the Palau
10 Softball League (PSL) to coordinate an annual softball tournament, held at the “Bill
11 Muna Baseball Field” in Mangilao. PSL gives further assistance and support to the
12 Mangilao Mayor’s office by undertaking the beautification and upkeep of the field
13 throughout the year. PSL stays committed to its partnership with PCAG by developing
14 youth-focused programs that provide alternate sports and healthy activities for Palauan
15 youth; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Palau Softball League is one of the oldest running leagues on
17 Guam and was recognized by the 2014 Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and
18 Sports; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the PCAG continues to rally the community and coordinate
20 disaster relief efforts whenever calamities occur in Palau, contributing to the
21 individual states affected or to recognized relief organizations such as the Palau
22 Chapter of the Red Cross and just recently extended assistance to Saipan after the
23 devastation of Typhoon Soudelor; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palauan Community Association of Guam are
25 proud to be strong supporters of our island and the general island community
26 contributing to various educational, sports, and community charities over the past
27 several years; and

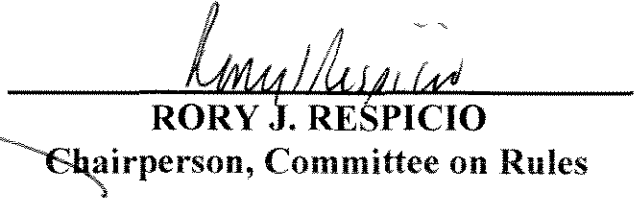
1 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palauan community have continued to enrich
2 our proud tradition of diversity and endow our island of Guam with their unique and
3 collective strength; and now therefore, be it

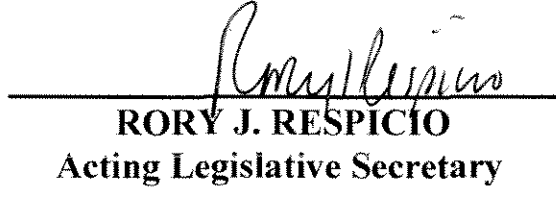
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
6 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Palau Community Association of Guam and
7 the Palauan community on the 21st Annual Celebration of the establishment of the
8 Republic of Palau, and join with the Palauan people 21 years of Independence by
9 means of this celebration; and does further extend a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os*
10 *Ma'åse'* to all our fellow Palauans on Guam for the positive contributions they have
11 made for the betterment of our island community; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
13 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
14 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau Jr.,
15 President of the Republic of Palau; to the Council of Chiefs; to the Palauan
16 Community Association of Guam; to Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo; and to
17 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 9TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2015.**


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson	e-vote	10/9/15	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	e-vote	10/11/15	✓		
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	e-vote	10/9/15	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	h	10/9/15	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	e-vote	10/9/15	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					2015 OCT 12 AM 9:04
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member	e-vote	10/9/15	✓		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	e-vote	10/9/15	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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