

*I Mina Trentai Tres Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*  
**Resolutions Log Sheet**

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<b>237-33 (LS)</b>	T.R. Muña Barnes B.J.F. Cruz Frank F. Blas, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the athletes, staff, and executives of the Guam Football Association (GFA) on its Fortieth (40th) Year Anniversary; and to further extending Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to the GFA for its commitment to growing the sport of football (soccer) on Guam.	11/19/15 2:12 p.m.	12/09/15 10:00 a. m.					11/19/15

***I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2015 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 237-33 (LS)**

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the athletes, staff, and executives of the Guam Football Association (GFA) on its Fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) Year Anniversary; and to further extending *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the GFA for its commitment to growing the sport of football (soccer) on Guam.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, in 1975, the Guam Football (Soccer) Association (GFA) was  
4 founded to establish recreational football on Guam; and

5        **WHEREAS**, a few years after the founding of the Guam Football Association,  
6 military leagues sprang up for youth teams; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 1991, the Guam Football Association became an associate  
2 member of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC); and

3           **WHEREAS**, in 1996, the Guam Football Association was recommended to  
4 have full membership in the *Federation Internationale de Football Association*  
5 (FIFA), and it was voted in as a member at the FIFA Congress in Zurich, attaining full  
6 membership in the Asian Football Confederation; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association has forged relationships with  
8 regional neighbors and foreign coaches to assist Guam's national teams in preparation  
9 for regular international competitions, which is necessary for the continual  
10 improvement of the Guam national teams; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Guam has participated in the U14 festivals and tournaments, the  
12 U16 tournaments, the U19 tournaments, the Women's Asian Championships, the  
13 Challenge Cup Qualifying Events, the World Cup Qualifying Events, and the Club  
14 Championships; and it participates in the East Asian Games, which are held every four  
15 (4) years; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Guam teams have participated in events in the Philippines, Japan,  
17 Korea, Vietnam, China, Myanmar, Iran, Nepal, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu,  
18 Fiji, and Palau, among other countries; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association has collaborated with the  
20 government of Guam through public-private partnerships to develop more football  
21 fields and stadiums to benefit the athletes and people of Guam; and

22           **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Public Law 24-33 authorized the development of land in  
23 *Dededo* for a soccer stadium that now serves as the Guam Football Association  
24 National Training Center Field; and

25           **WHEREAS**, in 2009, owing to the success of Public Law 24-33, Public Law  
26 30-3 authorized land in *Agat* to be developed into a Southern Sports Complex; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the development of these fields and stadiums will better serve the  
2 athletes and people of Guam by encouraging them to live healthy and active lives and  
3 to become great team players; and

4           **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Gary J. White became the newly appointed Head Coach  
5 and the Federation’s Technical Director, and he developed the Guam Football  
6 Association National Academy to better hone the skills of promising young athletes  
7 on Guam and enable them to live healthy lives; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Head Coach Gary J. White is assisted by Sang Hoon Kim, the  
9 GFA’s Assistant Technical Director and Head Coach of the Guam Women’s National  
10 Team, which is called *Maskada*. Sang Hoon Kim was an assistant coach with the  
11 highly decorated professional club team Ulsan Hyundai in the K-League; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association strives for excellence and has  
13 adopted a ten (10)-year football development plan called, the “Fifth Element Project  
14 2022” outlining the necessary areas of improvement to become a fifth-ranked team in  
15 national rankings, as well as in coaching, officiating, youth, and political development  
16 in East Asia; and

17           **WHEREAS**, in August 2015, the success of this plan could be seen clearly as  
18 the Guam National Team “*Matao*” reached its highest FIFA ranking of 146 after their  
19 victory against Turkmenistan and India; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Team’s victory over India brought global  
21 exposure to Guam and presented opportunities through sports tourism on Guam, and it  
22 also brought pride among the people of Guam and solidified Guam as a serious  
23 contender in football; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association is comprised of twenty-two (22)  
25 teams in the men’s league competing for the coveted Guam Football Association Cup,  
26 the Guam Football Association’s Beach Soccer League, and the Futsal League; and

1           **WHEREAS**, there are currently six (6) women’s teams playing in various  
2 leagues, and with the creation of the recreational Guam Football Association Soccer  
3 Moms League and the Women’s Intermediate 7-A-Slide Recreational League, the  
4 number of registered female players has doubled; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association oversees over one thousand  
6 (1000) youth athletes in six (6) divisions, U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, and U17; and one  
7 hundred (100) teams from thirteen (13) clubs who participate in the Youth Leagues;  
8 and

9           **WHEREAS**, these leagues and clubs owe a lot to the dedicated volunteers,  
10 parents, athletes, and children who are determined to grow the sport at a grassroots  
11 level; and

12           **WHEREAS**, with the Guam Football Association’s commitment to grow  
13 football and increase the quality of the sport on Guam, the Guam Football Association  
14 regularly holds a GFA “E” Coaching Certificate course and a GFA “D” Coaching  
15 License course for club coaches to develop, as well as coordinating FIFA and AFC  
16 courses in coaching and officiating for the local community; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association’s commitment to the island also  
18 extends into reducing its impact on Guam’s environment by reducing water usage  
19 through the installation of two (2) full-size artificial turf pitches and an artificial turf  
20 mini-pitch, and turning to solar energy by engaging in the operation of a solar energy  
21 farm; and

22           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association has been recognized globally as a  
23 model organization for their commitment to fast-track growth and development in  
24 football, and the overall increased popularity of the sport on Guam; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association's contribution to the island during  
2 the past forty (40) years has had tremendous positive effects on the athletes, families,  
3 and people of Guam, especially the youth; now therefore, be it

4           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,  
5 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the athletes, staff, and  
6 executives of the Guam Football Association (GFA) on its Fortieth (40th) Year  
7 Anniversary; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the GFA  
8 for its commitment to growing the sport of football (soccer) on Guam; and be it  
9 further

10          **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
11 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam  
12 Football Association; to Richard K. Lai, President of the Guam Football Association;  
13 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015.**



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



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Legislative Secretary