

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Introduced by:

Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

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

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** recognizes that, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*,
4 under Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, has
5 the authority to petition the US Department of Homeland Security to expand the
6 Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program to include the countries of Vietnam and the
7 Philippines; and

8 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** further recognizes that Vietnam and
9 the Philippines were not initially included in the original approved countries due to
10 various factors in the Department of Homeland Security's analysis at that time; and

11 **WHEREAS, in the approximately eight years since many changes have**
12 **occurred within these two countries that warrant reconsideration. Namely, the**
13 **Philippines and Vietnam are regarded as fast rising economies in the global GDP**

1 rankings. Both countries show potential for future economic and business growth
2 which could be beneficial to Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines and Vietnam have seen, over time, significant
4 decreases in the visa rejection rates; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam is the far western outpost for the United States and this
6 waiver program could strengthen the national bilateral relationship and the
7 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement as promulgated by President Obama;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo has worked diligently
10 in support of Guam's economy and addressing the Guam-CNMI visa waiver issue
11 for Vietnam and the Philippines; and now, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam
13 recognize and support the need for a Guam-CNMI visa waiver for the countries of
14 Vietnam and the Philippines and support the Governor in petitioning the
15 Department of Homeland Security to include them in the Guam visa waiver
16 program; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules
18 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
19 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Secretary Jeh Johnson, United
20 States Department of Homeland Security; Honorable Madeline Z. Bordallo, Guam
21 Delegate to the US Congress; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
22 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____
DAY OF MARCH 2016.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary