

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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477-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes B. J.F. Cruz R. J. Respicio	Relative to congratulating the Palauan Community Association of Guam and the Palauan Community in recognition and commemoration of the auspicious occasion celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic.	09/29/16 12:47 p.m.	10/08/16 11:00 a.m.					10/06/16

I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 477-33 (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 of the Twenty-Second (22nd) Year Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**
2 ***I 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 the expanding Spanish
5 influence of the 19th century. After serious confrontation in Micronesia between Spain and
6 Germany, war was averted when Pope Leo XIII arbitrated the conflict and issued the
7 Protocol of Tome in 1885 that reaffirmed Spanish sovereignty in Micronesia, but gave
8 Germany rights to do business and enter ports. Financially exhausted with administering

1 its colonies in Micronesia, Spain sold the islands to Germany in 1899 for 4.2 Million
2 Dollars. The German Eagle prevailed, taking all the island groups except Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the control of Micronesia then passed to Japan in 1914 by virtue of
4 the Japanese monitoring of German warships during World War I, and the islands were
5 legally granted to Japan by the League of Nations as a mandate in 1920 at the Paris Peace
6 Conference. After the defeat of Japan in World War II, and the historic battles of Peleliu
7 and Angaur in September 1944, which took the lives of more than two thousand (2,000)
8 Americans and ten thousand (10,000) Japanese, the United States gained control of what
9 was then called the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands through the United Nations
10 auspices in 1947 as part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, with Palau
11 administered as one (1) of the three (3) island groups' six (6) districts; and

12 **WHEREAS**, after forty-seven (47) years as part of the U.N. Trust Territory of the
13 Pacific Islands under U.S. administration, Palau's leaders opted for separation from the
14 other island areas in a special referendum in 1978; and on July 9, 1980, the Palau
15 Constitution was ratified, and its first constitutional elections were held. The islands then
16 became known as the Republic of Palau in 1981; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Palau adopted self-government by way of its Constitution and the
18 Compact of Free Association with the United States, which was approved in 1993 after
19 eight (8) referendums and an amendment to Palau's original nuclear-free Constitution; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in May 1994, the United Nation's Trusteeship Council issued a
21 Resolution requesting the Government of the United States, in consultation with the
22 Government of Palau, to agree on a date on or about October 1, 1994, for the full entry into
23 force of the Compact of Free Association; and in July 1994, the President of the United
24 States, the Honorable William Clinton, reaffirmed October 1, 1994 as the effective date of
25 the Compact; provided, that all legal challenges to the Compact had been resolved, and
26 they had been so resolved; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau is an island nation in the northern Pacific Ocean,
2 located east of the Philippines, and perched on the Kyushu-Palau Ridge. The westernmost
3 cluster of the Caroline Islands consists of twenty (20) large islands and five hundred sixty-
4 six (566) smaller islands, and it is one of the world’s youngest and least populated nations;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, Koror or “Oreor”, the largest town in Palau, is where seventy percent
7 (70%) of the Republic’s population live and is the place that hosts most annual festivities
8 and special events for the island nation; and it was the Capital of Palau from the time of its
9 Independence in 1994 to 2006, when Ngerulmud, Melekeok became the new Capital; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of Palau joined the United Nations as its one hundred
11 eighty-fifth (185th) member, and took its seat in the U.N. in December 1994; and

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

17 **WHEREAS**, Palau was named as one of the Underwater Wonders of the World by
18 Conservation, Education, Diving, Awareness and Marine-Research (CEDAM)
19 International, an organization of divers, marine scientists and conservationists. Spectacular
20 scuba diving locales, with coral reefs, blue holes, World War II wrecks, hidden caves and
21 tunnels, and over sixty (60) vertical drop-offs are found in Palau where three (3) major
22 ocean currents meet to create an environment of abundance and enormous variety of marine
23 life; and the waters surrounding the Rock Islands literally teem with over one thousand five
24 hundred (1,500) varieties of reef and pelagic fish, and more than four (4) times the number
25 of coral species found in the Caribbean; and

26 **WHEREAS**, this small nation, a world leader in the global struggle to save our
27 planet, stands tall among the nations in setting new standards for environmental

1 stewardship and nature conservancy that has contributed tremendously toward the progress
2 of the people of Palau. The traditional leadership, the National Congress, and the President,
3 have worked together to move towards developing a thriving and prosperous tourism
4 industry and a vibrant future based on cultural integrity and the protection of its natural
5 resources; and

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

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

15 **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2016, the Republic of Palau celebrated its Twenty-
16 Second (22nd) Year Anniversary of Independence commemorating the establishment of its
17 nationhood, followed by the PCAG celebration on Guam on October 8, 2016; and

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

22 **WHEREAS**, in August 2008, the Peleliu Club of Guam built a new *Ngarablod Abai*
23 in the *Lada* area of *Dededo*, followed by the building of *Asahi Abai* which was built by the
24 combined Melekeok, Nigwal, and Ngschesar clubs; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the PCAG is the umbrella organization of all the Palauan non-profit
26 organizations on Guam, and represents the sixteen (16) states that compose the Republic
27 of Palau: Aimeliik, Airai, Angaur, Hatohobei, Kayangel, Koror, Melekeok, Ngaraard,

1 Ngarchelong, Ngardmau, Ngatpang, Ngchesar, Ngeremlengui, Ngiwal, Peleliu and
2 Sonsorol; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from February to June 2014, the PCAG partnered with the Palau
4 Softball League (PSL) to coordinate an annual softball tournament, which was held at the
5 “Bill Muña Baseball Field” in *Mangilao*. The PSL gives further assistance and support to
6 the *Mangilao* Mayor’s office by undertaking the beautification and upkeep of the field
7 throughout the year. The PSL stays committed to its partnership with the PCAG by
8 developing youth-focused programs that provide alternate sports and healthy activities for
9 Palauan youth; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Palau Softball League is one of the oldest running leagues on
11 Guam, and was recognized by the 2014 Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the PCAG continues to rally the community and coordinate disaster
14 relief efforts whenever calamities occur in Palau, contributing to the individual states
15 affected or to recognized relief organizations, such as the Palau Chapter of the Red Cross,
16 and just recently extended assistance to the people of Saipan after the devastation of
17 Typhoon *Soudelor*; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palauan Community Association of Guam are
19 proud to be strong supporters of our island and the general island community and have
20 contributed to various educational, sports, and community charities over the past several
21 years; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palauan Community have continued to enrich our
23 proud tradition of diversity and endow our island of Guam with their unique and collective
24 strength; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan*
26 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
27 congratulate the Palau Community Association of Guam and the Palauan Community on

1 the Twenty-Second (22nd) Year Anniversary celebration of the establishment of the
2 Republic of Palau, and join with the Palauan people in commemorating their twenty-two
3 (22) years of Independence by means of this celebration; and does further extend a sincere
4 *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to all our fellow Palauans of Guam for the positive
5 contributions they have made for the betterment of our island community; and be it further
6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
8 same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of
9 the Republic of Palau; to the Council of Chiefs of Palau; to the Palauan Community
10 Association of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the U.S.
11 Congress; and to 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 6TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2016.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Rory J. Respicio Chairperson	EVOTE	10/05/16			
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson	EVOTE	10/05/16			
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member	EVOTE	10/05/16			
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	EVOTE	10/05/16			
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	A	10/06/16			
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	EVOTE	10/05/16			
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member					
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member					
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	EVOTE	10/06/16			
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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