

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	Date Adopted
99-33 (COR)	T. R. Muña Barnes B.J.F. Cruz Frank F. Blas, Jr.	Relative to recognizing the observance of National Travel and Tourism Week from May 2, 2015 to May 10, 2015; and to further extending Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' to the Guam Visitors Bureau for its commitment and dedication to the development, improvement, and promotion of Guam's Tourism Industry.	05/07/15 12:24 p.m.	05/11/15 9:30 a.m.					05/11/15

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

Resolution No. 99-33 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) on the observance of “National Travel and Tourism Week,” from May 2 to May 10, 2015; and to further extending *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'âse'* to GVB for its commitment and dedication to the development, improvement and promotion of Guam’s tourism industry.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, since 1983, a U.S. Congressional Resolution has proclaimed the
4 observance of “National Travel and Tourism Week” to recognize the power and
5 importance of the travel and tourism industry in America; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy rescinded the U.S. Navy’s
2 authority and allowed Guam to be opened up to visitors from off-island, thus enabling
3 Guam to improve its economy through tourism efforts. The following year, in 1963,
4 the Guam Tourism Commission was created under the Guam Department of
5 Commerce; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1970, by Executive Order 70-20, the Guam Tourism
7 Commission was separated from the Guam Department of Commerce; and it was
8 renamed to the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB); and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, the GVB Japan office was opened to increase the tourism
10 promotion efforts in the very important Japan market; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, Public Law 17-32 reorganized GVB into a non-stock,
12 non-profit membership corporation; and

13 **WHEREAS**, travel to and within Guam provides significant economic benefits
14 for Guam, generating about 1.4 Billion Dollars for the economy and representing sixty
15 percent (60%) of Guam’s annual business revenue; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the tourism industry is one of Guam’s most important private
17 sector employers, employing over eighteen thousand local residents; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the financial benefits of the tourism industry has consistently
19 worked to improve the living standards of the people of Guam through increased
20 employment opportunities, taxes from tourism spending for funding of government
21 services, and Hotel Occupancy Tax bond revenues; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Tourist Attraction Fund has allowed for the continual
23 promotion and attraction of tourists from established source countries, such as Japan,
24 South Korea, and Taiwan; as well as from new source countries, including mainland
25 China and Russia; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2012, Guam reached 1.3 million visitors, and has become the
2 third most visited place within Oceania; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the tourism industry has worked to improve the social impacts of
4 tourism, including the preservation and promotion of the *Chamorro* culture, as well as
5 providing opportunities for local and international events and activities, including
6 GVB Signature Events, such as the Guam Micronesia Island Fair, the Guam Live
7 International Music Festival, the Guam BBQ Block Party, the Guam *Ko'Ko'* Half
8 Marathon and Ekiden Relay Race, the Shop Guam Festival, and many other events;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the importance of Guam's tourism industry has led to the creation
11 of award-winning tourism education programs in the secondary (CTE) programs at the
12 Guam Community College for public high school students; and degree programs at
13 the Guam Community College and the University of Guam. These programs prepare
14 students for the tourism and hospitality industry by introducing them to the various
15 facets of the industry. These programs include the ProStart and the Lodging
16 Management Programs; now therefore, be it


17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na*
18 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
19 of Guam, recognize the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) on the observance of "National
20 Travel and Tourism Week," from May 2 to May 10, 2015; and does further commend
21 GVB for its commitment and dedication to the development, improvement and
22 promotion of Guam's tourism industry; and be it further

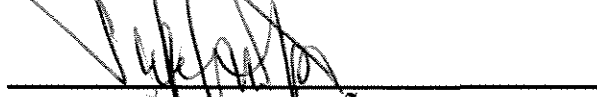
23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
25 the same be thereafter transmitted to Jon Nathan Denight, General Manager of the

- 1 Guam Visitors Bureau; Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter
- 2 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY
OF MAY 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	5/8/15	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice-Chairperson					
Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D. Member					
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz Member	E-Vote	5/8/15	✓		
Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	X	5-8-15	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	E-Vote	5/8/15	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	E-Vote	5/8/15	✓		
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. Member	E-Vote	5/8/15	✓		
Senator V. Anthony Ada Minority Leader	E-Vote	5/8/15	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					

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Date: 5/11/15

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