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INARAJAN MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL MUNICIPALITY OF INARAJAN



RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

Introduced by: Mayor Doris Lujan, Chairperson Rick Meno, Secretary Frank San Nicolas, Member Sam Flores, Member Jesse Perez, Member

Teresita M. Cruz, **Member**

Don Weakley, Vice Chairman Linda Borja, Treasurer Tom Diego, Member Arthur Taimanglo, Member Ed Flores. Member

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP AT TALOFOFO BAY, INARAJAN TO PROVIDE BOAT ACCESS TO THE SEAS ALONG GUAM'S EASTERN COASTLINE. AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE EXISTING BOAT RAMP IN AGFAYAN BAY, INARAJAN LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS BEAR ROCK. SUCH ACCESS IS NEEDED TO ENSURE SPEEDIER ENTRY WAYS SPECIFICALLY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND EQUIPMENT RESPONDING TO DISTRESS CALLS FROM BOATERS. DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP WILL ALSO BENEFIT GUAM'S FISHERMAN AND RECREATIONAL BOATERS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO WATERS IN THE EASTERN COAST OF GUAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INARAJAN MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL, MUNICIPALITY OF INARAJAN:

WHEREAS, That there is an dire need to develop and construct a suitable boat ramp in Eastern Guam for the primary purpose of allowing emergency responders and their equipment speedier access in responding to distress calls from boaters or swimmers in Eastern Guam waters; and

WHEREAS, The present existing boat ramp in Agfayan Bay, Inarajan is in dire disrepair and its design does not allow for efficient launching for emergency first responders boats and allows for only limited launching for watercrafts to respond to emergency distress calls depending on tide conditions; and

WHEREAS, The development and construction of a boat ramp at Talofofo Bay, Inarajan is ideal due to its deep water access, existing facilities, and parking make it the best location; and

WHEREAS, Access to the Eastern coastline from Talofofo Bay, Inarajan is much closer and efficient for emergency responders and their equipment than from the Malesso or Hagàtña Boat Basin whose response time in responding to distress calls takes on average of one hour; and

WHEREAS, The development and construction of a boat ramp in Talofofo Bay, Inarajan will provide for future deployment of emergency responders in nearby Talofofo Fire Station effectively cutting emergency response for distressed fisherman, mariners and swimmers by at least 30 minutes saving precious time for rescue operations in saving lives; and

WHEREAS, The development and construction of a boat ramp in Talofofo Bay, Ingraign will greatly benefit fishermen and recreational boaters' by allowing greater access to waters in Eastern Guam otherwise restricted by distance.

WHEREAS, The Guam Visitors Bureau, Water Safety Committee, Guam Fire Department and residents of Inarajan are in full support of development and construction of a boat ramp in Talofofo Bay, Inarajan; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Inarajan Municipal Planning Council affirms its position in favor of constructing a boat ramp at Talofofo Bay, Inarajan and repairing the existing boat ramp at Agfayan Bay, Inarajan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED. That the Chairperson of the Inarajan Municipal Planning Council certify and the Secretary attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be therefore transmitted to the Speaker, 33rd Guam Legislature; the Chairman, Committee on Municipal Affairs, Housing & Recreation, 33rd Guam Legislature; the Chairman, Committee on Youth, 33rd Guam Legislature; and to the Honorable Edward M. Calvo, Governor of Guam.

DULY RECORDED AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE INARAJAN MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL THIS 27th DAY OF January, 2016.