

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
103-38 (LS)	Frank F. Blas, Jr. Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the Guam Football Association for its contributions to the development and promotion of football in Guam; and congratulating them on the occasion of its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary.	10/1/25 4:26 p.m.	10/28/25 6:30 p.m.	10/1/25 4:26 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the Guam Football Association was officially established in May 1975, with a mission to promote and develop the sport of football (soccer) in Guam, and to provide opportunities for athletes of all ages and skill levels to participate in the world's most popular sport; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty (50) years, the Guam Football Association has grown exponentially from modest beginnings to become a fully recognized member of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) in 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Football Association's premier grassroots program, the Robbie Webber Youth League, features over one hundred forty (140) youth teams and approximately one thousand seven hundred (1,700) youth players annually, spanning U6 to U17 divisions and competing across twenty-six (26) weeks of active play, serving as a vital pipeline for athlete development and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, female participation in football continues to surpass strategic targets, with programs such as the Metgot Mom's League and the Little Women's Recreational League showcasing close to 400 women actively participating weekly, reinforcing the GFA's commitment to inclusive participation; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for continued play into adulthood are fostered by programs such as the Masters League (ages forty (40) and above), which support health, camaraderie, and lifelong engagement with the sport; and

WHEREAS, Guam's national teams, both men's and women's, serve as proud ambassadors of the island. The Matao, Guam's Senior Men's National Team, and the Masakada, the Senior Women's National Team, continue to represent Guam on the global stage with resilience and pride, while the youth national teams are consistently excelling, with players earning college scholarships and competing at higher levels abroad; and

WHEREAS, the GFA has awarded nearly \$30,000 in scholarships to twenty (20) recipients, supporting both male and female athletes in their pursuit of higher education and athletic advancement; and

WHEREAS, the GFA's state-of-the-art National Training Center and Headquarters in Dededo includes FIFA-standard pitches, futsal courts, a beach court, fitness center, lecture hall, and full administrative facilities, supporting year-round training, competitions, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, continued investment in infrastructure across the island – particularly in Hagåt, Chalan Pago, and Talo'fofo – provides vital support to local clubs, interscholastic competitions, and community-driven programs, strengthening football access at the village level; and

WHEREAS, the GFA has evolved into a professional, full-service sporting organization, recognized as the most organized and administratively sound sports federation on Guam, with governance fully aligned with FIFA and AFC standards, ensuring transparency, accountability, and integrity in all operations; and

WHEREAS, the GFA has successfully hosted regional competitions, coaching certifications, and referee development programs, all contributing to the enhancement of Guam's reputation in the international football community; and

WHEREAS, the GFA's excellence has been recognized with multiple prestigious awards, including the AFC Grassroots Silver Charter, AFC Member Association of the Year, and the AFC President's Recognition Award for Grassroots (Ruby); and

WHEREAS, for an unprecedented eleven consecutive years, the GFA has passed three annual financial audits with zero findings, a testament to the organization's commitment to sound fiscal management and compliance; and

WHEREAS, the GFA has built meaningful partnerships with stakeholders including Ambros Inc., Triple J Enterprises, the Guam Police Department, the Guam International Airport Authority, and the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, ensuring broad community support and outreach; and

WHEREAS, GFA continues to expand its social responsibility programs, in partnership with organizations such as Kickback Guam, Special Olympics Guam, Victims Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Generation Y 671, Harvest House, and the Guam Cancer Center, extending football's impact into vulnerable and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Football Association proudly celebrates a significant milestone, honoring both past and present leaders whose dedication has shaped the growth and success of football in Guam over the past fifty years. The officers of 1975, Charlie Wang, President; Fr. Tony Gillespie, Vice President; Ted S. Nelson, Recording Secretary; Don Pedro, Treasurer; and Ben Diaz, Corresponding Secretary, through their vision and commitment, laid the foundational groundwork for the development of football in Guam; and

WHEREAS, the enduring commitment to promoting sport, engaging the community, and upholding the values of excellence and inclusion continues with the 2025 Executive Committee, led by President Valentino San Gil, Vice Presidents George Lai and Tina Esteves, General Secretary Joseph Cepeda, and committee members Fred Alig II, Kelley Barnhart, Duane Pahl, Gian Tenorio, Peter Toves, and Craig Wade; and

WHEREAS, through these efforts, the GFA fosters inclusive participation for women, youth, families, and special populations, affirming football's role as a unifying force that promotes health, education, personal growth, and national pride; now therefore, be it

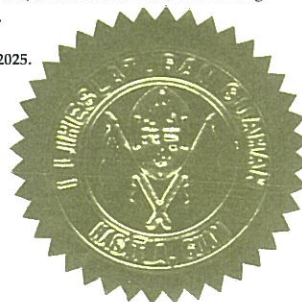
RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Football Association for its contributions to the development and promotion of football in Guam; and congratulate them on the occasion of its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Valentino San Gil, President of the 2025 Executive Committee of the Guam Football Association; to Mr. George Lai, Senior Vice President; to Mrs. Tina Esteves, Junior Vice President; to Mr. Gian Tenorio, Executive Member; to Mr. Fred Alig II, Executive Member; to Mr. Duane Paul, Executive Member; to Mrs. Kelley Barnhart, Executive Member; to Mr. Craig Wade, Executive Member; to Mr. Peter Toves, Executive Member; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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Oct. 27. 2025

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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38TH GUAM LEGISLATURE – *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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MEMORANDUM

October 8, 2025

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Fr: Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

Subject: Notice of Presentation for **Legislative Resolution No. 103-38 (LS)**.

Hafa Adai! Join me in presenting:

- **Legislative Resolution No. 103-38 (LS)** – “Relative to recognizing and commending the Guam Football Association on the occasion of its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, and to further extend Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' for its outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of football in Guam.

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel Ballroom, Tumon, Guam.**

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase'
