















**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

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**2026 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1968 Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her team of enthusiastic and  
4 likeminded individuals hosted the First (1<sup>st</sup>) International Special Olympics with the  
5 purpose of creating a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all  
6 people; and since their founding , the Special Olympics has provided millions of people

1 with physical and developmental disabilities with an opportunity to discover strength  
2 confidence, and camaraderie through the power of sports; and

3 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of inclusion within Guam’s  
4 community, Ms. Delrina Baza spearheaded the efforts to extend the Special Olympics  
5 to Guam and former First Lady Madeline Z. Bordallo helped the Guam Special  
6 Olympics become a reality in 1976; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Guam Special Olympics was organized by Ms. Baza,  
8 along with the staff and faculty of Chief Brodie Memorial School and it was held at the  
9 John F. Kennedy High School Gene Ramsey Field and hosted on hundred fifty(150)  
10 athletes participating from around the island; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1983 the Guam Special Olympics community celebrated the  
12 landmark milestone of sending their first (1<sup>st</sup>) team of Olympians to four (4)  
13 International and World Summer Games; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, the Special Olympics Guam Board of Directors passed a  
15 resolution to include persons without a disability to partner with and become mentors  
16 for persons with an intellectual and physical on and off the athletic sporting field; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, the Guam Special Olympics officially changed its name  
18 to Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) and include six (6) official sport events: athletics  
19 (track and field) football (soccer) badminton, softball, bowling and swimming; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) is dedicated to building self-  
21 esteem among people with disabilities, raising awareness of both their needs and their  
22 abilities and providing opportunities to help them enjoy physical fitness activities while  
23 developing friendships and building skills; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) grew exponentially with the  
25 help of their dedicated partner organization and volunteers, and it began to include  
26 various other events and hosted hundreds of new athletes and coaches; and

1           **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) is accredited and recognized  
2 under the Special Olympics Asia Pacific (SOAP) region overseen by Special Olympics  
3 International (SOI) the governing body for this Global Movement and is about showing  
4 respect, dignity, and compassion, which provides a healthy, happy, safe, and inclusive  
5 environment for athletes with the help of island community; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) has made it its mission to provide  
7 year round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports  
8 for individuals with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to  
9 develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a  
10 sharing of gift skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics Guam  
11 (SOGU) athletes and the community;; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) has been gladly serving our  
13 island community for Fifty (50) years and has been made possible by the numerous  
14 volunteers, mentors, coaches, parents and athletes who have contributed to this program  
15 for many years; now therefore, be it

16           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*  
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
18 of Guam, recognize Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an  
19 organization; and commemorate its major milestone marking half a century of  
20 advocating for those experiencing physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities  
21 and promoting equality, dignity, and inclusion in Guam; and be it further

22           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
23 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
24 the same be thereafter transmitted to Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) and to the  
25 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
*I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE        DAY  
OF MONTH 2026.**

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**Frank F. Blas, Jr.**  
**Speaker**

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**V. Anthony Ada**  
**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

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**Sabrina Salas Matanane**  
**Legislative Secretary**