

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

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**2026 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 162-38 (LS)**

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña-Barnes

**Relative to recognizing Dennis F. Mohatt for his distinguished service in behavioral health policy and systems development, and for his contributions supporting behavioral health initiatives benefiting the people of Guam.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, Dennis F. Mohatt is a licensed psychologist and nationally  
4 recognized authority in behavioral health systems, with more than three decades of  
5 experience in public policy, program development, and the administration of mental  
6 health services for rural, frontier, and underserved populations; and

7        **WHEREAS**, since 2001, Mr. Mohatt has served as Vice President for  
8 Behavioral Health at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education  
9 (WICHE), where he has directed multi-state and regional initiatives designed to  
10 strengthen behavioral health systems, improve access to care, and expand the supply,  
11 distribution, and training of the mental health workforce across western states and  
12 U.S. Pacific jurisdictions; and

13        **WHEREAS**, under his leadership, WICHE's Behavioral Health Program has  
14 advanced evidence-informed strategies in workforce development, including  
15 psychology internship consortia, pipeline programs, and technical assistance to states

1 and territories seeking to address provider shortages and improve service delivery  
2 capacity; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mohatt has contributed to the design and implementation of  
4 integrated models of care that coordinate behavioral health with primary care,  
5 education systems, and community-based services, thereby improving continuity of  
6 care and outcomes in geographically isolated and resource-limited settings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, his work has addressed critical issues including suicide  
8 prevention, particularly among rural populations and veterans, the use of technology  
9 and distance-based training to extend services, and the development of sustainable  
10 systems of care that respond to the unique needs of small and dispersed communities;  
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, prior to his tenure at WICHE, Mr. Mohatt held senior leadership  
13 roles in state government, including Deputy Director of the Nebraska Department of  
14 Health and Human Services, where he oversaw large-scale health and human services  
15 systems, contributed to the management of a multibillion-dollar public budget, and led  
16 initiatives in Medicaid managed care, child welfare, behavioral health, and public  
17 health integration; and

18 **WHEREAS**, his national service includes advisory and policy roles with  
19 federal entities, including contributions to rural health policy and behavioral health  
20 system reform, reflecting a sustained commitment to addressing disparities in access,  
21 quality, and outcomes for underserved populations; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Mohatt's scholarly and professional work has informed  
23 national understanding of rural behavioral health challenges, including workforce  
24 shortages, structural barriers to care, and the need for culturally and community-  
25 responsive service models; and

26 **WHEREAS**, his expertise has supported jurisdictions in the Pacific region,  
27 including Guam, in efforts to strengthen behavioral health infrastructure, develop  
28 workforce capacity, and implement coordinated, systems-based approaches to care  
29 delivery; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam continue to prioritize the expansion of  
2 behavioral health services, early intervention, and workforce development to meet  
3 growing community needs, and benefit from partnerships and expertise that support  
4 sustainable, locally responsive solutions; now, therefore, be it

5           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
6 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Dennis F. Mohatt for his sustained  
7 contributions to behavioral health policy and practice, and for his support of initiatives  
8 benefiting the people of Guam; and be it further

9           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
10 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to Denis F. Mohatt and to  
11 the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

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

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