






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Relative to directing the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Guam Department of Agriculture, the Guam Department of Revenue & Taxation, and other relevant Government of Guam entities to study the feasibility of establishing an agricultural risk stabilization and recovery framework for Guam farmers.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Guam imports the vast majority of its food supply, leaving the
4 island vulnerable to supply chain disruptions, natural disasters, and global market
5 instability; and

6 **WHEREAS,** strengthening local food production through home gardens,
7 community gardens, and small farms is a recognized strategy for improving food
8 security, reducing household food costs, and increasing community resilience; and

9 **WHEREAS,** one of the major barriers to expanding local food production is the
10 financial risks faced by growers due to typhoons, drought, pests, and other natural
11 hazards that can destroy crops; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s tropical agricultural environment differs substantially
2 from mainland agricultural production systems due to year-round planting cycles,
3 typhoon exposure, diversified crop production, invasive pest pressures, and small-scale
4 farm structures, requiring locally appropriate agricultural risk management approaches;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, any proposed agricultural risk stabilization framework should
7 complement and not impair eligibility for existing federal agricultural assistance
8 programs, including but not limited to the USDA Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance
9 Program (NAP), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised
10 Fish Program (ELAP), and other USDA disaster assistance programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of any agricultural risk stabilization and recovery
12 framework requires careful study of legal frameworks, financial models, actuarial risk,
13 administrative structures, and potential government support mechanisms; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), the
15 Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Revenue & Taxation each possess
16 expertise relevant to evaluating the feasibility of such frameworks, including economic
17 modeling, agricultural risk assessment, and tax policy; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a coordinated, multi-agency study is necessary to determine
19 whether an agricultural risk stabilization and recovery framework is viable for Guam
20 and, if so, to outline a clear pathway for its creation and implementation; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
24 of Guam, direct the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Guam Department of
25 Agriculture, the Guam Department of Revenue & Taxation, the University of Guam
26 Cooperative Extension & Outreach, and any other relevant government entity to jointly
27 conduct a comprehensive feasibility study on the establishment of an agricultural risk

1 stabilization and recovery framework for Guam farmers, with particular attention to
2 home gardens, community gardens, and small farms; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the study shall include consultation with relevant federal
4 agricultural agencies, financial institutions, insurance regulatory representatives, and
5 agricultural producers; and, be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the study shall include, but not be limited to: assessment of
7 agricultural risks faced by small farmers on Guam, review of cooperative recovery
8 models, risk pools, and other mechanisms used in other jurisdictions, analysis of
9 financial viability, including premium structures (where applicable), risk pooling,
10 revolving recovery funds, and potential government backstops, evaluation of
11 administration and legal requirements, including cooperative formation, regulatory
12 oversight, and claims or assistance processes, identification of potential funding
13 sources, including grants, federal programs, or local appropriations, recommendations
14 for implementation, including timelines, organizational structure, and required
15 legislation or regulation; and, be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the study shall evaluate phased implementation for
17 commercial small farms, community agricultural programs, and household food
18 resilience initiatives; and, be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the study may evaluate alternative agricultural recovery and
20 stabilization models, including cooperative recovery funds, disaster reserve
21 mechanisms, parametric assistance systems, agricultural risk pools, producer
22 stabilization frameworks, seed and equipment replacement programs, catastrophic
23 reserve models, federal matching opportunities, and other producer resilience tools
24 appropriate for Guam; and, be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the study shall evaluate the long-term financial sustainability,
26 administrative feasibility, and catastrophic risk exposure associated with any proposed
27 framework; and, be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the agencies shall submit a joint written report of their
2 findings and recommendations to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* no later than
3 twelve (12) months from the adoption of this resolution; and, be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Administrator of the Guam Economic
7 Development Authority; the Director of the Department of Agriculture, the Director of
8 the Department of Revenue & Taxation; the Director of the University of Guam
9 Cooperative Extension & Outreach; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
10 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary