









**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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ISLANDS, AND THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and
4 the Federal States of Micronesia, (FSM), the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), and
5 the Republic of Palau (Palau) have a large population of veterans of the U.S. military,
6 and is reflective of the high enlistment rate of the region's young men and women; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the region's high per capita enlistment rate is indicative of the
8 exceptional patriotism and commitment to the defense of the United States, its
9 territories, and its allies; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a regional Veterans Affairs (VA) office in
2 Guam will be beneficial to Veterans who currently must travel to Hawaii for services,
3 thereby easing the financial burden on Veterans and their families; and

4 **WHEREAS**, having a regional VA hub in Guam would enable Veterans to
5 receive support from their family and community networks, which is often cost
6 prohibitive when traveling to Hawaii, thus enhancing the overall support system for
7 Veterans; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the central location of Guam in the Western Pacific makes it a
9 logical and efficient choice for establishing a regional hub for Veteran services, serving
10 not only Guam but also the CNMI and the Freely Associated States; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the economic, efficiency, and effectiveness benefits of establishing
12 a regional VA hub in Guam would greatly enhance the services provided to Veterans
13 who have honorably served their country; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Veterans Administration has even set up adjudication services
15 on non-US soil in the Philippines despite the fact that Guam is the closest American soil
16 in Asia; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a proportionally sized regional VA hub in Guam would provide a
18 greater range of medical support, including the ability to obtain medicines from the
19 local market, and critical mental health support services that are more effective in
20 person rather than via virtual platforms; and now therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam request the United States department of Veterans Affairs to establish a regional
24 office in Guam to serve the needs of veterans of Guam, the CNMI, and the Freely
25 Associated States; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
27 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
28 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of
29 Veterans Affairs; the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam's Delegate to the United

1 States Congress; the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Northern Mariana
2 Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, Northern Mariana Islands Delegate to
3 the United States Congress; the Honorable Wesley Simina, President of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia; the Honorable Surangel S. Whipps Jr., President of the Republic
5 of Palau; and the Honorable Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of the
6 Marshall Islands; and 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 ____ 2026.

Frank Blas Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary