

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

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

3 **WHEREAS,** on July 4, 2026, the United States of America commemorates the
4 Two Hundred Fiftieth (250th) Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of
5 Independence, a seminal event in world history through which the American people

1 declared that all persons are created equal and are endowed with certain unalienable
2 rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

3 **WHEREAS**, for two and one-half centuries, the United States has grown from
4 thirteen colonies along the Atlantic coast into a dynamic nation spanning the North
5 American continent and extending across the Pacific and Caribbean regions through its
6 states, territories, and possessions; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the history of the United States has been marked by extraordinary
8 achievements in democracy, constitutional governance, economic development,
9 scientific advancement, military service, and the expansion of opportunities for millions
10 of people; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the ideas articulated in the Declaration of Independence and later
12 enshrined in the Constitution of the United States have inspired generations throughout
13 the world in the pursuit of representative government, civil liberties, and the rule of law;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Guam became a territory of the United States following the signing
16 of the Treaty of Paris on December 10, 1898, which concluded the Spanish-American
17 War and transferred sovereignty over Guam to the United States; and

18 **WHEREAS**, since 1898, the people of Guam have developed a unique and
19 enduring relationship with the United States, characterized by loyalty, sacrifice, and
20 service; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam have embraced the responsibilities of
22 American citizenship while preserving and strengthening the rich cultural traditions,
23 language, and heritage of the Chamorro people and the many diverse communities that
24 call Guam home; and

25 **WHEREAS**, as America's westernmost community and gateway to the Indo-
26 Pacific region, Guam occupies a unique place in the American family and will be the
27 first jurisdiction of the United States to celebrate Independence Day on July 4, 2026,

1 thereby becoming the first American community to begin the nationwide celebration of
2 the Two Hundred Fiftieth (250th) Anniversary of the United States of America; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during the dark days of World War II, the people of Guam endured
4 the hardships, suffering, and brutality of enemy occupation from December 10, 1941
5 until the island’s liberation by the United States Armed Forces on July 21, 1944; and

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout the occupation, most residents of Guam demonstrated
7 extraordinary courage, patriotism, and loyalty to the United States despite the threat of
8 imprisonment, torture, and death; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Liberation of Guam remains one of the most significant events
10 in the island’s history and stands as a powerful testament to the bond between Guam
11 and the United States; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the enactment of the Organic Act of Guam in 1950 granted United
13 States citizenship to the people of Guam and established a framework for democratic
14 self-government under the American constitutional system; and

15 **WHEREAS**, generations of Guamanians have answered the call to military
16 service in times of war and peace, serving honorably in the United States Army, Navy,
17 Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard, and Reserve
18 Components; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Guam has consistently recorded one of the highest rates of military
20 enlistment and service per capita among all American jurisdictions; and

21 **WHEREAS**, many Guam service members have paid the ultimate sacrifice in
22 service to the United States, while countless others have returned home bearing the
23 physical and emotional wounds of war; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam honor and remember these heroes and their
25 families; whose sacrifices have contributed to the security and prosperity of the nation;
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s civilian workforce, educators, healthcare professionals,
2 public servants, first responders, clergy, business leaders, and community organizations
3 have likewise contributed to the advancement of American ideals through public
4 service, volunteerism, and civic engagement; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the relationship between Guam and the United States has been
6 strengthened through generations of shared experiences, mutual support, and common
7 aspirations for a safer, more prosperous future; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the celebration of the United States Semi quinentennial presents
9 an opportunity to reflect upon the nation’s achievements, honor those who have
10 contributed to its success, and inspire future generations to continue the work of
11 building an ever strong and more perfect Union; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper that the Guam Legislature recognize the
13 contributions made by the people of Guam to the United States over the past one
14 hundred twenty-eight (128) years and strongly affirm the island’s enduring place within
15 the American family; 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, hereby commemorate the Two Hundred Fiftieth (250th) Anniversary of the
19 United States of America and extend congratulations to the nation upon this historic
20 milestone; and be it further

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 affirms the unwavering support of the people of Guam for the United States
24 of America, its Constitution, and its principles that have guided the nation for two
25 hundred and fifty years; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
27 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people

1 of Guam, encourages all residents, schools, community organizations, veterans groups,
2 and government agencies to participate in activities commemorating the United States
3 Semi quinentennial and to reflect upon the shared history and enduring partnership
4 between Guam and the United States; and, be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
6 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
7 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the
8 United States of America; the Honorable Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior; to the
9 Honorable James C. Moylan, the Delegate to the United States from Guam; and to the
10 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 2026.**

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Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary