

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commemorating Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2026, recognizing the nineteenth (19th) annual Philippine Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony at the Guam Reef Hotel, and honoring the enduring contributions of the Filipino community to Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, June 12 marks Philippine Independence Day, commemorating
4 the declaration of independence of the Republic of the Philippines in 1898 and
5 honoring the courage, patriotism, resilience, and enduring spirit of the Filipino
6 people throughout history; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino community has long contributed to the social,
8 cultural, economic, educational, healthcare, military, religious, and civic life of
9 Guam, helping strengthen the island's diversity, prosperity, and community spirit;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the annual Philippine Independence Day Flag-Raising
12 Ceremony at the Guam Reef Hotel was established in 2006 through the collaborative

1 efforts of Ambassador Bayani S. Mercado, Chito de Guzman, and representatives of
2 Mama Sita’s from the Philippines as a cultural initiative celebrating Philippine
3 heritage, traditions, cuisine, and community unity, including cultural exhibits such
4 as a replica Filipiniana gown worn by the wife of former Philippine President Ramon
5 Magsaysay; and

6 **WHEREAS**, through the continued support of the Philippine Consulate
7 General in Guam, community organizations, local supporters, and the executive
8 management of the Guam Reef Hotel, including the longstanding commitment of
9 Chito de Guzman, Yasuo Hoshino, and Jun Toledo, the event has grown into a
10 meaningful annual tradition now celebrating its nineteenth (19th) year; and

11 **WHEREAS**, through years of collaboration, planning, and partnership efforts
12 between Guam and the Philippines, Philippine Independence Day celebrations in
13 Guam have continued to grow as a longstanding cultural tradition supported by
14 several Philippine Consuls General assigned to Guam, including Ambassador
15 Bayani S. Mercado, Consul General Olivia V. Palala, Consul General Bayani V.
16 Mangibin, Consul General Marciano R. De Borja, Consul General Patrick U. Hilado,
17 and Consul General Rosario P. Lemque; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the annual observance continues to foster Filipino pride,
19 preserve Filipino heritage and traditions, and bring the community together in
20 remembrance, celebration, and appreciation of the longstanding friendship and
21 cultural ties between Guam and the Philippines; and

22 **WHEREAS**, following the flag-raising ceremony, the celebration continues
23 with a fiesta salo-salo featuring traditional Filipino cuisine, cultural entertainment,
24 music, performances, and community fellowship showcasing the richness and
25 vibrancy of Filipino culture; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony
27 scheduled for June 12, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Guam Reef Hotel provides residents,

1 organizations, students, leaders, and visitors an opportunity to participate in a
2 meaningful celebration of Filipino heritage and community spirit; now therefore, be
3 it

4 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby
5 recognize and commemorate Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2026, and
6 the nineteenth (19th) annual Philippine Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony
7 at the Guam Reef Hotel; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Guam Legislature commends Chito de Guzman and
9 the organizers of the Philippine Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony for
10 sustaining this cultural tradition; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the 38th Guam Legislature, through Senator Shelly V.
12 Calvo, recognizes the Philippine Consulate General in Guam for its continued
13 support of Filipino heritage and community relations throughout Guam and the
14 Micronesian region; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
16 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
17 copies of the same be transmitted to Chito de Guzman and the organizers of the
18 Philippine Independence Day Flag-Raising Ceremony; the Philippine Consulate
19 General in Guam; the Guam Reef Hotel; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
20 Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary