


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

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and the Filipino Community of Guam (FCG) in celebration of the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence and the Eightieth (80th) Anniversary of Filipino-American Friendship.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 128th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
4 Philippine Independence, observed annually on June 12 to commemorate the
5 declaration of independence of the Republic of the Philippines in 1898 and to honor the
6 courage, sacrifices, patriotism, resilience, and enduring spirit of the Filipino people
7 while promoting national pride, cultural preservation, unity, and patriotism among
8 Filipinos worldwide; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the Eightieth (80th) Anniversary of
10 Philippine-United States diplomatic relations and Filipino-American Friendship,
11 celebrating decades of enduring partnership, shared democratic values, mutual respect,
12 regional cooperation, and strong people-to-people ties between the Filipino and
13 American people; and

1 **WHEREAS**, following the liberation of Guam after World War II, thousands of
2 Filipino workers helped support the island’s rehabilitation, reconstruction, and
3 economic recovery, further strengthening the longstanding ties between Guam and the
4 Philippines; and

5 **WHEREAS**, this year’s Philippine Independence Day theme, “Kalayaan,
6 Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan” (Freedom, Future, History), honors the nation’s freedom,
7 rich history, cultural heritage, and the continuing responsibility of Filipinos worldwide
8 to help build a stronger future; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Consulate General in Guam has played an important
10 role in promoting diplomatic relations, cultural understanding, regional cooperation,
11 and community outreach while supporting Filipino nationals and communities
12 throughout Guam and the Micronesian region under the leadership of Consul General
13 Rosario P. Lemque, Vice Consul Daniella Bianca Villamin-Oriondo, Consul Joaquin
14 Ricardo Aragon, and Cultural Officer Helen Grace Cuisia under the current leadership;
15 and;

16 **WHEREAS**, due to the growing Filipino presence on Guam, the Philippine
17 Government established a consular office on the island in 1945 to assist Filipino
18 nationals and oversee community affairs, eventually leading to the establishment of the
19 Philippine Consulate General in Guam with jurisdiction throughout Micronesia; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Consulate General in Guam continues to provide
21 consular assistance, cultural outreach, and community support services to Filipino
22 nationals and communities throughout Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern
23 Mariana Islands, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the
24 Marshall Islands; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam (FCG), officially established in
26 July 1954, remains one of Guam’s oldest nonprofit, philanthropic, and civic umbrella

1 organizations representing Filipino provincial associations, universities, civic groups,
2 and cultural organizations throughout the island; and

3 **WHEREAS**, for more than seventy (70) years, the Filipino Community of Guam
4 has fostered unity, cultural pride, volunteerism, civic

5 and promote Filipino heritage through cultural celebrations, scholarship
6 programs, engagement, and community service while contributing to charitable,
7 educational, cultural, and humanitarian initiatives benefiting Guam, Saipan, and the
8 Philippines; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam continues to preserve youth
10 activities, humanitarian efforts, and longstanding traditions such as Pista Sa Nasyon,
11 Santacruzán Pageantry, and the Know the Philippines Exposition; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam continues to be guided by its
13 officers and Board of Directors during the 2025–2027 term in advancing cultural
14 preservation, community service, and civic engagement throughout Guam under the
15 leadership of President Edna R. Rebanal and Board Chairperson Nita Baldovino,
16 together with Vice Presidents Elizabeth D. Cena, Erlinda D. Caasi, and Frank Huelar;
17 Secretary Nilfa Milan; Assistant Secretary Ria McNeil; Treasurer Cynthia Nisay;
18 Assistant Treasurer Fernabel Dela Pena; Auditor Nick Caasi; Public Relations Officer
19 Maria Louella Losinio; Peace Officers James Pasion and Ding Matias; Vice
20 Chairperson Norman S. Analista; and Board Members Patrick S. Lucas, James M.
21 Robinson, Roy Adonay, Leah Beth Naholowaa, Rene Quintans, Loisa Cabuhat, Tessie
22 Bagtas-Marcos, Blanca Imbo, and Romy A. Angel; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam has also demonstrated its spirit
24 of bayanihan through humanitarian assistance, disaster relief efforts, educational
25 support, and community improvement projects benefiting Guam, the CNMI, and the
26 Philippines; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam further strengthened its
2 commitment to cultural preservation and community service through the establishment
3 of the FCG Clubhouse as a central gathering place for cultural and civic activities, and
4 through its assistance to undocumented Filipinos during the 1987 U.S. Amnesty
5 Program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Filipinos have been part of Guam’s history since the late Spanish
7 period and have contributed significantly to Guam’s economic, educational, healthcare,
8 military, cultural, religious, and civic development across generations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the observance of Philippine Independence Day and the celebration
10 of Filipino-American Friendship provide an opportunity for residents, organizations,
11 leaders, and families to come together in solidarity, remembrance, cultural pride, and
12 appreciation for the many contributions of the Filipino community to Guam and the
13 Micronesian region; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina’trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby recognize
15 and commend the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and the Filipino Community
16 of Guam (FCG) in celebration of the 128th Anniversary of Philippine Independence
17 and the Eightieth (80th) Anniversary of Filipino-American Friendship; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the 38th Guam Legislature, through Senator Shelly V. Calvo,
19 expresses its sincere appreciation to the Philippine Consulate General in Guam and the
20 Filipino Community of Guam for their continued service, cultural leadership,
21 community outreach, and enduring contributions to Guam and the Micronesian region;
22 and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
25 the same be transmitted to the Philippine Consulate General in Guam; the Filipino

- 1 Community of Guam (FCG); and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I
- 2 Maga'hågan Guåhan.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary