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Relative to recognizing and commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Guam Waterworks Authority, established on July 31, 1996, and honoring its service to the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Legislature, through its legislative authority under the
4 Organic Act of Guam, created public utilities law to ensure that the people of Guam
5 receive safe, reliable, and affordable water and wastewater services essential to public
6 health, sanitation, and quality of life; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on July 31, 1996, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* enacted Public Law 23-
2 119, establishing the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) as an autonomous agency
3 of the Government of Guam — a landmark act of self-governance that separated water
4 and wastewater services from a legacy multi-utility agency and created a dedicated,
5 accountable public corporation to serve the island's needs; and

6 **WHEREAS**, GWA's institutional roots trace to 1950, when the Guam
7 Legislature first assigned responsibility for the public water supply through Public Law
8 1-12, and to 1952, when Public Law 1-88 created the Public Utility Agency of Guam
9 (PUAG), consolidating essential utility services; Public Law 23-119 built upon this
10 legislative foundation, and Public Law 26-76 (2002) subsequently reorganized GWA
11 as a public corporation under Chapter 14 of Title 12 of the Guam Code Annotated —
12 reflecting the Legislature's ongoing stewardship of Guam's critical infrastructure; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since commencing operations as a self-supporting utility on
14 February 1, 1997, GWA has fulfilled its statutory mandate to provide water and
15 wastewater services to every corner of Guam, serving residents, businesses, schools,
16 hospitals, and government facilities whose health, safety, and economic productivity
17 depend upon reliable access to clean water and proper wastewater treatment; and

18 **WHEREAS**, GWA has served the people of Guam under the dedicated
19 leadership of General Managers: Richard A. Quintanilla (1997–1999); Herbert J.
20 Johnston, Jr., DBA (2000–2001); Gil Shinohara (Acting, 2002); David E.R. Craddick,
21 PE (Interim/General Manager, 2003–2007); John Benavente, PE (Acting, 2007–2008
22 and 2010–2011); Leonard Olive, ScD, PE (2008–2010); Martin L. Roush, PE (2011–
23 2014); Thomas F. Cruz, PE (Interim, 2014–2015); Mark G. Miller, MBA (Interim,
24 2015); Greg P. Cruz (Interim, November 2015–January 2016); and Miguel C. Bordallo,
25 PE (General Manager, 2016–Present); and

1 **WHEREAS**, when the first elected Consolidated Commission on Utilities
2 (CCU) members took office in January 2003, they inherited more than \$25 million in
3 accumulated debt and pending federal lawsuits for water quality and environmental
4 violations that had accumulated over prior decades; through principled governance,
5 GWA filed its first rate petition with the Public Utilities Commission in January 2004,
6 issued its first revenue bonds in 2005, and achieved full debt service coverage
7 compliance for the first time in Fiscal Year 2012 — a financial transformation made
8 possible by the Legislature's legal framework and the people's trust in GWA's mission;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, GWA has demonstrated sustained commitment to public health and
11 environmental protection by completing major infrastructure projects including new
12 ocean outfalls for the Hagåtña and Northern District Wastewater Treatment Plants, the
13 new Agat-Santa Rita Wastewater Treatment Plant (2018), the upgrade of the Northern
14 District WWTP to full secondary treatment (2022), and entering into the 2024 Partial
15 Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency committing GWA to
16 a 10-year wastewater collection system improvement program; and

17 **WHEREAS**, GWA's proactive water system modernization — including its
18 Leak Detection Program, the replacement of approximately 41,300 defective meters, its
19 Water Loss Control Program reducing the daily open leak repair backlog by more than
20 95 percent since 2018, and the \$898.8 million 2025–2029 Capital Improvement
21 Program — reflects GWA's determination to deliver on its promise to the people of
22 Guam for the next generation; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Guam Waterworks
24 Authority, encompassing both the 30th Anniversary of GWA's establishment by this
25 Legislature on July 31, 1996, and the 30th year of dedicated service as a self-supporting
26 utility since commencing operations on February 1, 1997, providing an opportunity to

1 honor GWA's institutional history and the employees, managers, and Commission
2 members whose dedication has made GWA what it is today; and

3 **WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guåhan takes pride in its role as the legislative
4 author of GWA's founding, and reaffirms its commitment to providing the legal,
5 regulatory, and policy framework necessary to sustain GWA's mission for the benefit
6 of present and future generations of the people of Guam.; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
8 behalf of the people of Guam, recognizes and commemorates the 30th Anniversary of
9 the Guam Waterworks Authority, established on July 31, 1996, and honors its service
10 to the people of Guam; and proclaiming July 31, 2026 through July 31, 2027 as "Guam
11 Waterworks Authority Year.”; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
13 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
14 Consolidated Commission on Utilities, the General Manager of the Guam Waterworks
15 Authority; and to 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 MONTH 2026.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary