

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
216-38 (COR)	Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao	Relative to recognizing the observance of “National Preparedness Month” during the month of September 2026; and commending all governmental and non-governmental organizations and volunteers for their continued support and contributions toward this year’s celebration.	9/10/26 1:35 p.m.	9/19/26 10:30 a.m.	9/17/26 1:39 p.m.					

Resolution No. 216-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

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Relative to recognizing the observance of “National Preparedness Month” during the month of September 2026; and commending all governmental and non-governmental organizations and volunteers for their continued support and contributions toward this year’s celebration.

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

WHEREAS, the observance of “National Preparedness Month” began in September 2004 and was sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, September was chosen as “National Preparedness Month,” as the tragedies of September 11, 2001 highlighted the importance of the nation to be more prepared; and

WHEREAS, “National Preparedness Month” encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, “National Preparedness Month” is part of governmental efforts to strengthen preparedness capabilities of the United States and its territories. The national preparedness architecture encompasses prevention, protection, response, and recovery efforts to prepare the United States and its territories for all hazards; and

WHEREAS, after repeated major natural disasters in the 1960s and 1970s, there was a need for a centralized emergency management system. On April 1, 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed an executive order establishing the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, in response to the September 11, 2001, terror attacks, President Bush created a new agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and FEMA was placed under that department; and

WHEREAS, in September 2004, FEMA established “National Preparedness Month,” which is managed and sponsored by FEMA’s Ready Campaign, in conjunction with the Ad Council. FEMA’s Ready Campaign, with its correlating public outreach campaign, disseminates information to help the general public prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and human-caused disasters; and

WHEREAS, emergencies, from typhoons to earthquakes and tsunamis, can strike at any time; and it is essential that every member of our community is familiar with local threats and hazards and takes steps to reduce vulnerability to devastating impacts. Families should assemble an emergency preparedness kit well in advance and have a plan to reconnect with loved ones after a disaster strike; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of “National Preparedness Month” provides an opportunity to talk with families, friends, and colleagues about the risks to our communities and what we can do to ensure lives and property are as protected as possible; and

WHEREAS, governmental and non-governmental agencies continue to provide support for “National Preparedness Month” by enhancing their organizational preparedness plans, practicing those plans, and collaborating with partners; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense (OHS- OCD), as Guam’s emergency management agency, play a vital role in coordinating and facilitating all Government of Guam, military, federal, private, and non-profit organizations and response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, OHS- OCD staff and personnel dedicate their efforts throughout the month of September each year to provide meaningful community outreach that heightens the importance of preparing for disasters as individuals and different community groups; and

WHEREAS, OHS- OCD has participated in “National Preparedness Month” for over ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of “National Preparedness Month,” OHS- OCD is hosting outreach initiatives for the community and preparedness training opportunities for partner agencies in order to build a more resilient community; and

WHEREAS, this year, various governmental and non-governmental agencies will partner with OHS- OCD for the “National Preparedness Month” Grand Finale event on September 19, 2026, providing community outreach exhibits and other demonstrations that highlight their emergency management capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Guam Homeland Security was established through Executive Order No. 2003-13, by then Governor Felix P. Camacho, to coordinate and facilitate all Government of Guam, military, and federal response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the mission of OHS- OCD also includes the development and coordination of the implementation of a comprehensive plan to protect Guam and its people from terrorism, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, lawless violence, or the threat thereof; and

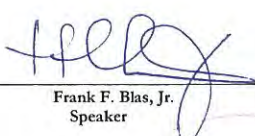
WHEREAS, OHS- OCD works toward the goal of providing the public with a properly-planned, organized, equipped, trained, and exercised emergency management response force, as we seek to promote safer, less vulnerable communities on Guam that are made possible through effective and collaborative partnerships committed to saving lives and reducing the impact of disasters; and

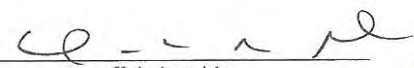
WHEREAS, as part of the emergency management operations through Guam’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at OHS- OCD, agency-appointed Response Activity Coordinators and staff from Government of Guam agencies, volunteers, and non-governmental organizations operate under sixteen (16) Emergency Support Functions (ESF) that carry out coordination and completion of response and recovery activities in the EOC during an emergency or disaster, and all Government of Guam agencies, military, federal, private, and non-profit organizations are able to fall into an ESF and support the EOC; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of “National Preparedness Month” during the month of September 2026; and commend all governmental and non-governmental organizations and volunteers for their continued support and contributions toward this year’s celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsa'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker


V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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Ang 9/18/26

2:04 p.m.

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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2026 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 216-38 (COR)

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WHEREAS, the observance of “National Preparedness Month” began in September 2004 and was sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an agency within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

1 **WHEREAS**, September was chosen as “National Preparedness Month,” as the
2 tragedies of September 11, 2001 highlighted the importance of the nation to be more
3 prepared; and

4 **WHEREAS**, “National Preparedness Month” encourages Americans to take
5 steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and
6 communities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, “National Preparedness Month” is part of governmental efforts
8 to strengthen preparedness capabilities of the United States and its territories. The
9 national preparedness architecture encompasses prevention, protection, response, and
10 recovery efforts to prepare the United States and its territories for all hazards; and

11 **WHEREAS**, after repeated major natural disasters in the 1960s and 1970s,
12 there was a need for a centralized emergency management system. On April 1, 1979,
13 President Jimmy Carter signed an executive order establishing the Federal
14 Emergency Management Agency; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2002, in response to the September 11, 2001, terror attacks,
16 President Bush created a new agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security,
17 and FEMA was placed under that department; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in September 2004, FEMA established “National Preparedness
19 Month,” which is managed and sponsored by FEMA’s Ready Campaign, in
20 conjunction with the Ad Council. FEMA’s Ready Campaign, with its correlating
21 public outreach campaign, disseminates information to help the general public
22 prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and human-
23 caused disasters; and

24 **WHEREAS**, emergencies, from typhoons to earthquakes and tsunamis, can
25 strike at any time; and it is essential that every member of our community is familiar
26 with local threats and hazards and takes steps to reduce vulnerability to devastating

1 impacts. Families should assemble an emergency preparedness kit well in advance
2 and have a plan to reconnect with loved ones after a disaster strike; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the annual observance of “National Preparedness Month”
4 provides an opportunity to talk with families, friends, and colleagues about the risks
5 to our communities and what we can do to ensure lives and property are as protected
6 as possible; and

7 **WHEREAS**, governmental and non-governmental agencies continue to
8 provide support for “National Preparedness Month” by enhancing their
9 organizational preparedness plans, practicing those plans, and collaborating with
10 partners; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense
12 (OHS-OCD), as Guam’s emergency management agency, play a vital role in
13 coordinating and facilitating all Government of Guam, military, federal, private, and
14 non-profit organizations and response agencies and their resources in mitigating,
15 preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order
16 to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam; and

17 **WHEREAS**, OHS-OCD staff and personnel dedicate their efforts throughout
18 the month of September each year to provide meaningful community outreach that
19 heightens the importance of preparing for disasters as individuals and different
20 community groups; and

21 **WHEREAS**, OHS-OCD has participated in “National Preparedness Month”
22 for over ten (10) years; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in celebration of “National Preparedness Month,” OHS-OCD is
24 hosting outreach initiatives for the community and preparedness training
25 opportunities for partner agencies in order to build a more resilient community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this year, various governmental and non-governmental agencies
2 will partner with OHS-OCD for the “National Preparedness Month” Grand Finale
3 event on September 19, 2026, providing community outreach exhibits and other
4 demonstrations that highlight their emergency management capabilities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Office of Guam Homeland Security was established through
6 Executive Order No. 2003-13, by then Governor Felix P. Camacho, to coordinate and
7 facilitate all Government of Guam, military, and federal response agencies and their
8 resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types
9 of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island
10 of Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the mission of OHS-OCD also includes the development and
12 coordination of the implementation of a comprehensive plan to protect Guam and its
13 people from terrorism, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, lawless violence, or the
14 threat thereof; and

15 **WHEREAS**, OHS-OCD works toward the goal of providing the public with a
16 properly-planned, organized, equipped, trained, and exercised emergency
17 management response force, as we seek to promote safer, less vulnerable
18 communities on Guam that are made possible through effective and collaborative
19 partnerships committed to saving lives and reducing the impact of disasters; and

20 **WHEREAS**, as part of the emergency management operations through
21 Guam's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at OHS-OCD, agency-
22 appointed Response Activity Coordinators and staff from Government of Guam
23 agencies, volunteers, and non-governmental organizations operate under sixteen
24 (16) Emergency Support Functions (ESF) that carry out coordination and completion
25 of response and recovery activities in the EOC during an emergency or disaster, and

1 all Government of Guam agencies, military, federal, private, and non-profit
2 organizations are able to fall into an ESF and support the EOC; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, recognize the observance of “National Preparedness Month” during
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Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 216-38 (COR) – Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao – “Relative to recognizing the observance of “National Preparedness Month” during the month of September 2026; and commending all governmental and non-governmental organizations and volunteers for their continued support and contributions toward this year’s celebration.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/17/26	X		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-VOTE	9/16/26	X		
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Sponsor Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Diana Topasna					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
10 Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: September 17, 2026 1:39 p.m.					
Notes:					



OFFICE OF SENATOR
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

38th Guam Legislature | *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

September 18, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao 

Subject: **Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 216-38 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting **Resolution No. 216-38 (COR)** – Relative to recognizing the month of September 2026 on the observance of "National Preparedness Month"; and commending all governmental and non-governmental organizations and volunteers for their continued support and contributions toward this year's celebration.

The presentation will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m. at the Micronesia Mall Center Court.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!