

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
89-38 (LS)	Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao	Relative to recognizing the month of September 2025 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.	8/22/25 2:37 p.m.	9/5/25 9/27/25 10:30 a.m.	8/22/25 2:37 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

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 a part of governmental efforts to strengthen the United States and its territories' preparedness capabilities. 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

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WHEREAS, emergencies, ranging 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 strikes; 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 properties 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 Guam 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 types of emergencies to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, OHS-OCD staff and personnel dedicate their efforts throughout 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 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 27, 2025, 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 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 can to fall into an ESF and support the EOC; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of September 2025 on the observance of "National Preparedness Month"; commend all governmental and non-governmental organizations and volunteers for their 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 Guam Homeland Security and the Office of Civil Defense; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hagan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2025.


Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker


Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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9/26/25 2:58 pm


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2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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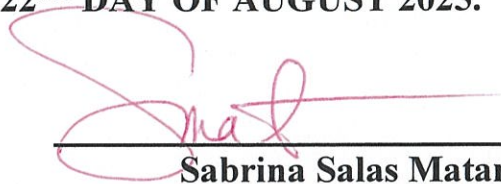
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OFFICE OF SENATOR
Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao

38th Guam Legislature | *IMina'trentaiOchoNaUheslaturanGuahan*

September 26, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao 

Subject: **Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 89-38 (LS)**

Buenos yan H&faAdai!

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 89-38 (LS) – Relative to recognizing the month of September 2025 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 27, 2025, 10:30 a.m. at the Agana Shopping Center.

Si Yu'osMa'dse'!

cc: Executive Director
Clerk of the Legislature
Sergeant-at-Arms
A/V Department