

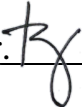
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association was officially established in May
4 1975, with a mission to promote and develop the sport of football (soccer) in Guam,
5 and to provide opportunities for athletes of all ages and skill levels to participate in the
6 world's most popular sport; and

7 **WHEREAS**, over the past 50 years, the Guam Football Association has grown
8 exponentially from modest beginnings to become a fully recognized member of the
9 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Asian Football
10 Confederation (AFC) in 1996; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Football Association's premier grassroots program, the
12 Robbie Webber Youth League, features over 140 youth teams and approximately 1,700
13 youth players annually, spanning U6 to U17 divisions and competing across 26 weeks
14 of active play, serving as a vital pipeline for athlete development and community
15 engagement; and

1 **WHEREAS**, female participation in football continues to surpass strategic
2 targets, with programs such as the Metgot Mom’s League and the Little Women’s
3 Recreational League showcasing close to 400 women actively participating weekly,
4 reinforcing the GFA’s commitment to inclusive participation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, opportunities for continued play into adulthood are fostered by
6 programs such as the Masters League (ages 40 and above), which support health,
7 camaraderie, and lifelong engagement with the sport; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s national teams, both men’s and women’s, serve as proud
9 ambassadors of the island. The Matao, Guam’s Senior Men’s National Team, and the
10 Masakada, the Senior Women’s National Team, continue to represent Guam on the
11 global stage with resilience and pride, while the youth national teams are consistently
12 excelling, with players earning college scholarships and competing at higher levels
13 abroad; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the GFA has awarded nearly \$30,000 in scholarships to 20
15 recipients, supporting both male and female athletes in their pursuit of higher education
16 and athletic advancement;

17 **WHEREAS**, the GFA’s state-of-the-art National Training Center and
18 Headquarters in Dededo includes FIFA-standard pitches, futsal courts, a beach court,
19 fitness center, lecture hall, and full administrative facilities, supporting year-round
20 training, competitions, and educational programs; and

21 **WHEREAS**, continued investment in infrastructure across the island –
22 particularly in Hagåt, Chalan Pago, and Talo’fo’fo – provides vital support to local
23 clubs, interscholastic competitions, and community-driven programs, strengthening
24 football access at the village level;

25 **WHEREAS**, the GFA has evolved into a professional, full-service sporting
26 organization, recognized as the most organized and administratively sound sports

1 federation on Guam, with governance fully aligned with FIFA and AFC standards,
2 ensuring transparency, accountability, and integrity in all operations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the GFA has successfully hosted regional competitions, coaching
4 certifications, and referee development programs, all contributing to the enhancement
5 of Guam’s reputation in the international football community; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the GFA’s excellence has been recognized with multiple
7 prestigious awards, including the AFC Grassroots Silver Charter, AFC Member
8 Association of the Year, and the AFC President’s Recognition Award for Grassroots
9 (Ruby); and

10 **WHEREAS**, for an unprecedented eleven consecutive years, the GFA has passed
11 three annual financial audits with zero findings, a testament to the organization’s
12 commitment to sound fiscal management and compliance;

13 **WHEREAS**, the GFA has built meaningful partnerships with stakeholders
14 including Ambros Inc., Triple J Enterprises, the Guam Police Department, the Guam
15 International Airport Authority, and the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center,
16 ensuring broad community support and outreach; and

17 **WHEREAS**, GFA continues to expand its social responsibility programs, in
18 partnership with organizations such as Kickback Guam, Special Olympics Guam,
19 Victims Advocates Reaching Out (VARO), Generation Y 671, Harvest House, and the
20 Guam Cancer Center, extending football’s impact into vulnerable and underserved
21 communities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, through these efforts, the GFA fosters inclusive participation for
23 women, youth, families, and special populations, affirming football’s role as a unifying
24 force that promotes health, education, personal growth, and national pride; now
25 therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
27 behalf of the people of Guam, honor and commend the Guam Football Association on

1 the occasion of its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, and extend its deepest appreciation for
2 the GFA's sustained commitment to athletic development, education, community
3 empowerment, and international excellence; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
5 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Valentino
6 San Gil, President of the 2025 Executive Committee of the Guam Football Association;
7 to Mr. George Lai, Senior Vice President; to Mrs. Tina Esteves, Junior Vice President;
8 to Mr. Gian Tenorio, Executive Member; to Mr. Fred Alig II, Executive Member; to
9 Mr. Duane Paul, Executive Member; to Mrs. Kelley Barnhart; Executive Member; to
10 Mr. Craig Wade, Executive Member; to Mr. Peter Toves, Executive Member; and to
11 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 2025.**

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary