















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

3 **WHEREAS, *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the 38th Guam**  
4 **Legislature, solemnly honors the memories of those from Guam who have suffered and**

1 died from radiation-related diseases and stands in respectful solidarity with all survivors  
2 and families affected by the U.S. Pacific nuclear testing program; and

3       **WHEREAS**, on July 4, 2025, the 119th United States Congress (2025–2026),  
4 reauthorized and expanded the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) under  
5 H.R. 1 (Public Law 119-21), also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," but  
6 excluded Guam’s Downwinders from eligibility; and

7       **WHEREAS**, Guam, home to one hundred fifty three thousand eight hundred  
8 thirty six (153,836) U.S. citizens and permanent residents, lies approximately 1,300 to  
9 2,000 kilometers from the Pacific Proving Grounds at Bikini and Enewetak Atolls,  
10 where the United States conducted sixty seven (67) atmospheric nuclear weapons  
11 testing, these detonations produced widespread radioactive fallout that traveled  
12 significant distances through upper-atmospheric jet streams throughout the Pacific  
13 region, including Guam between 1946 and 1962; and

14       **WHEREAS**, Guam also served as a major logistical and military staging hub  
15 during nuclear testing operations and functioned as a decontamination harbor for ships,  
16 aircraft, and personnel exposed to nuclear test sites in the Marshall Islands; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the 1994 report of the Human Radiation Experiments Advisory  
18 Committee declassified information that shed light on the high levels of radiation  
19 received by the people of Guam. Guam’s inclusion under RECA was recommended by  
20 an independent committee convened by the Board on Radiation Effects Research  
21 (BRER) Committee, at the request of Congress, in a 2005 Assessment of the Scientific  
22 Information for the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (RESEP)  
23 Report, which concluded that, *“as a result of analysis, the committee concludes that*  
24 *Guam did receive measurable fallout from atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons*  
25 *in the Pacific. Residents of Guam during that period should be eligible for*  
26 *compensation under RECA in a way similar to that of persons considered to be*  
27 *downwinders”*; and

1           **WHEREAS**, this conclusion followed sworn testimony and documentary  
2 evidence presented by Guam Atomic Veteran Mr. Robert N. Celestial and others, before  
3 federal and local legislative bodies since at least 2002, including his 2004 testimony  
4 before the National Academies of Sciences’ Board on Radiation Effects Research  
5 (BRER) Committee; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Parity for Pacific Radiation Survivors Act would expressly  
7 authorize inclusion of Guam Downwinders as eligible for RECA; and

8           **WHEREAS**, between 1977 and 1980, more than eight thousand (8,000) United  
9 States service members were deployed to Enewetak Atoll to conduct radiological  
10 cleanup operations following decades of nuclear testing contamination. These service  
11 members, now commonly referred to as the “Enewetak Cleanup Veterans,” were tasked  
12 with collecting radioactive debris, excavating contaminated soil, and constructing the  
13 Runit Dome containment structure, often with minimal protective equipment and  
14 limited understanding of the long-term health risks associated with ionizing radiation  
15 exposure; and

16           **WHEREAS**, many of the Enewetak Cleanup Veterans have subsequently  
17 developed cancers and chronic illnesses consistent with radiological exposure, yet they  
18 have historically faced significant barriers in establishing service-connected disability  
19 claims due to the lack of official dose reconstruction records and the absence of  
20 presumptive eligibility under existing federal compensation statutes; and

21           **WHEREAS**, unlike certain “on-site participants” who were present during  
22 atmospheric detonations, Enewetak Cleanup Veterans were not originally included  
23 within the statutory definitions under Public Law 101-426 or Public Law 106-245,  
24 resulting in inequitable treatment among similarly exposed veterans. The Parity for  
25 Pacific Radiation Survivors Act bill seeks to explicitly recognize Enewetak Cleanup  
26 Veterans as eligible “on-site participants” under RECA and provide compensation  
27 parity with other exposed veterans; and

1           **WHEREAS**, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the 38th Guam  
2 Legislature, respectfully urges the U.S. Congress to bring the Parity for Pacific  
3 Survivors Act to the House floor expeditiously for full and fair consideration; now  
4 therefore, be it

5           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*  
6 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people  
7 of Guam, affirm the support of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, the 38th  
8 Guam Legislature, for the Parity for Pacific Radiation Survivors Act introduced by  
9 Representative James C. Moylan (GU) for the inclusion of Guam in the Radiation  
10 Exposure Compensation Act (RECA); and be it further

11           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to Donald J. Trump, President of the United States;  
14 James David “J.D.” Vance, Vice President of the United States; Mike Johnson, Speaker  
15 of the United States House of Representatives; John Thune, Majority Leader and  
16 Charles E. Schumer, Minority Leader of the United States Senate; Senator Dick Durbin,  
17 Chairperson, Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Senator Lindsey Graham, Ranking  
18 Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the Honorable James Moylan, Guam  
19 Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives; Pamela Jo Bondi, Attorney General of  
20 the United States; Douglas James Burgum, U.S. Secretary of the Interior; and to the  
21 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

**Frank F. Blas, Jr.**  
**Speaker**

**V. Anthony Ada**  
**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

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**Sabrina Salas Matanane**  
**Legislative Secretary**