



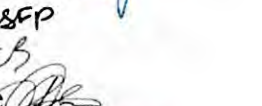



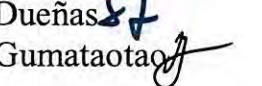
**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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

3 **WHEREAS, Guam Public Law 33-56 establishes June 28 as “War Survivor**
4 **Remembrance Day”, an important annual observation to commemorate those who**
5 **survived the Japanese occupation of Guam and the experiences they endured; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, the day June 28 is important for another reason, as it is the day
2 when President Harry S. Truman requested federal funding for compensation for the
3 suffering endured during the occupation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on December 10, 1941, Guam was invaded and subsequently
5 occupied by the Imperial Japanese military, marking the beginning of a dark and
6 traumatic chapter in the history of the island and its people; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for two years, six months, and fifteen days, the people of Guam
8 endured an occupation characterized by forced labor, food shortages, family
9 separations, imprisonment, violence, displacement from ancestral lands, and the
10 suppression of faith, language, culture, and civil liberties; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Chamorro people demonstrated extraordinary resilience,
12 courage, and faith under conditions of extreme hardship, preserving their dignity,
13 cultural identity, and hope for liberation despite grave danger; and

14 **WHEREAS**, many of Guam's sons and daughters suffered unspeakable
15 atrocities, including forced marches, internment in concentration camps, torture, and
16 execution, and countless families continue to bear the emotional and generational scars
17 of that period; and

18 **WHEREAS**, locations such as *Asinan, As Mateo, Atâte, Besbes, Chagu'in, Eda'*
19 *Agaga', Fonte, Inalåhan, Kålaguak, Mata, Payesyeyes, Pigo,* and *Manenggon* all serve
20 as a testament to the oppression which the people of Guam endured for two and a half
21 years of the Japanese occupation; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1944, American forces began the long-awaited
23 liberation of Guam, restoring freedom to the island and its people after intense fighting
24 that further devastated villages, homes, and infrastructure, yet reignited the enduring
25 spirit of the people; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the liberation of Guam stands as a defining moment in the island’s
2 modern history, symbolizing both the restoration of freedom and the immeasurable
3 sacrifices made by both civilians and military service members alike; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the Eighty-Second (82nd) Anniversary of the
5 Liberation of Guam, a solemn and significant milestone that calls upon the community
6 to reflect deeply upon the personal sacrifices of those who endured occupation and those
7 who fought for freedom; and now therefore, be it

8 **WHEREAS**, the surviving men and women who experienced the occupation
9 firsthand are living witnesses to history, carrying with them invaluable stories of
10 survival, faith, sacrifice, and resilience that form the moral and cultural foundation of
11 modern-day Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, as time passes, the number of living war survivors continues to
13 diminish, creating an urgent responsibility for this generation to document, preserve,
14 and honor their experiences with dignity and gratitude; and

15 **WHEREAS**, War Survivor Remembrance Day serves not only as a tribute to
16 those who endured the occupation but also as an educational opportunity for younger
17 generations to understand the cost of war and the value of freedom; and

18 **WHEREAS**, recognizing June 28, 2026 as “War Survivor Remembrance Day”
19 within the broader commemoration of the Eighty-Second (82nd) Year Liberation
20 Anniversary provides a dedicated moment of reflection prior to the island-wide
21 celebrations in July, ensuring that remembrance remains the heart of liberation
22 observances; and

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, commemorate June 28, 2026 as “War Survivor Remembrance Day,” as an
26 integral part of the Eighty-Second (82nd) Year Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam;
27 and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby further, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
3 people of Guam, honor the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of Guam's Greatest
4 Generation – the people of Guam who endured the oppressive Japanese occupation of
5 the island from 1941 to 1944; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby further, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
8 people of Guam, urge the community to continue to preserve and promote the stories
9 and legacies of our war survivors for future generations; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
11 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
12 the same be thereafter transmitted to Guam's Greatest Generation, the survivors of the
13 occupation of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
14 *Guåhan*.

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

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary