

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port (Port) was established as a public corporation and autonomous government agency through the enactment of Public Law 13-87 in October 31, 1975, providing maritime transportation services to local, private, federal and military customers as the only commercial seaport on Guam; and

WHEREAS, this year we proudly celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the agency. Over the past half-century, the Port has transformed from humble beginnings into a vital transshipment hub, serving as a lifeline for the entire Western Pacific Region. Each chapter in our history reflects the dedication, vision, and resilience of the people who helped shape it, and together we honor the achievements that brought us here while looking forward to the opportunities ahead; and

WHEREAS, with a total of 377 dedicated employees working under the guidance of Management and the Board of Directors, the Port has made great strides in executing modernization, resiliency, and sustainability initiatives to provide safe and uninterrupted service to Guam’s community and neighboring islands; and

WHEREAS, the Port is to be commended for the many successes over the past year including the Port Authority Master Plan 2025, as unanimously approved in Resolution No. 2025-24, title document change, which incorporates the adoption of initiatives to achieve zero-emission and zero-waste goals set forth in Resolution No. 2024-18, that will further enhance the Port’s core capabilities, achieve resiliency and implement new strategies based on the agency’s financial, operation and sustainability needs; and

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WHEREAS, Standard and Poor’s (S&P) Global Ratings upholds its outlook for the Port at stable and affirms its ‘A’ long-term rating on the agency’s outstanding series 2018 Port Revenue Bonds. S&P’s overall assessment of the authority’s enterprise profile is strong, reflecting very strong economic fundamentals, an adequate market position, and strong governance; and

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- **Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (Formerly Office of Economic Adjustment-OEA):** The Port's Consultant and Owner Agent Engineer continues to provide professional and technical services and addressing all deliverables on existing OLDCC grant-funded programs to include the development of a PAG Military Readiness Plan and a Port Sustainability and Resiliency Study with emphasis on the development of a strategic Net Zero Emissions and Net Zero Waste Study and Implementation Plan;
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WHEREAS, the Employees, Management, and the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port remain committed to taking on the challenges of modernizing the Port in a resilient and sustainable manner to meet the ever-changing needs of the island and the region's economic growth; 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 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG/Port) on the observance of "Port Week," from October 20 to October 24, 2025; and to commemorate the celebration of its 50th anniversary; and to further commend the employees, management, and board of directors for their dedication and contributions to the Port's continued success and operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rory J. Respcio, General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port; to Ms. Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Board of Directors; to Ms. Conchita S.N. Taitano, Vice Chairperson; to Ms. Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Board Secretary; to Mr. Mark B.C. Mendiola, Board Member; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Muga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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18 significantly improve Port environmental and waterways conditions, enhance
19 community resilience, and support ongoing Port sustainability efforts; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the Employees, Management, and the Board of Directors of the
21 Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port remain committed to taking on the challenges
22 of modernizing the Port in a resilient and sustainable manner to meet the ever-changing
23 needs of the island and the region's economic growth; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
26 of Guam, recognize the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam
27 (PAG/Port) on the observance of "Port Week," from October 20 to October 24, 2025;

1 and to commemorate the celebration of its 50th anniversary; and to further commend
2 the employees, management, and board of directors for their dedication and
3 contributions to the Port's continued success and operations; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rory J. Respicio, General Manager of the Jose
7 D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port; to Ms. Dorothy P. Harris, Chairperson of the Jose
8 D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Board of Directors; to Ms. Conchita S.N. Taitano,
9 Vice Chairperson; to Ms. Fe R. Valencia-Ovalles, Board Secretary; to Mr. Mark B.C.
10 Mendiola, Board Member; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
11 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16TH DAY
OF OCTOBER 2025.**



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

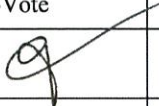
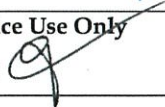
VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 107-38 (COR) - Jesse A. Lujan, Christopher M. Dueñas, Shelly V. Calvo, V. Anthony Ada, Frank F. Blas, Jr., Sabrina Salas Matanane, Vincent A.V. Borja, Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Chris Barnett, William A. Parkinson, Sabina Flores Perez, Joe S. San Agustin, Therese M. Terlaje - "Relative to recognizing the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG/Port) on the observance of "Port Week," from October 20 to October 24, 2025; and to commemorating the celebration of its 50th anniversary; and to further commending the employees, management, and board of directors for their dedication and contributions to the Port's continued success and operations."

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	E-Vote	10/15/25	X		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-Vote	10/16/25	X		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-Vote	10/15/25	X		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member					
Senator Shelly V. Calvo Member	E-Vote	10/16/25	X		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-Vote	10/16/25	X		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member		10/15/25	X		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member					
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-Vote	10/16/25	X		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Cecile Suda					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
___7___ Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Elijah Untalan					
Date: 10/16/25 11:18 a.m.					
Notes:					



October 15, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media

From: Senator Jesse A. Lujan
Chairperson, Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities
and Federal & Foreign Affairs

Subject: Notice of Presentation for Resolution No. 107-38 (COR) and
Certificate No. 216-38 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Please join me in presenting:

Resolution No. 107-38 (COR) – Jesse A. Lujan relative to recognizing and congratulating the employees, management and board of directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority of Guam (PAG/Port) for its 50th Anniversary Celebration, and on the observance of “Port Week.” From October 20 to October 24, 2025.

Certificate No. 216-38 (COR) Jesse A. Lujan for your dedication, commitment and contributions throughout your years of service in the Port Authority of Guam; and to congratulate you on your retirement.

The presentation will take place on **Monday, October 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Port Authority of Guam in Cabras Island, Piti.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu’os Ma’åse!