

I MINA 'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

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

3 **WHEREAS,** “*Mes Chamorro* or *Chamorro* month,” compels all who call
4 Guam home to learn about its rich, vibrant history and the leaders of the past who
5 have given generations of the island’s people a sense of self-worth that only comes
6 from true inspiration; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the *Chamorro* culture continues to exist through its chants,
8 cuisine, music, dance, storytelling and traditional crafts, and the *Chamorro* people,
9 although rich in the arts, crafts and social skills, face losing their language and cultural
10 lifestyle through European and American influences; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it becomes the responsibility of today’s leaders to encourage and
2 educate our children about our heritage and by doing so make them the leaders of the
3 future ; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the continued efforts of the *Chamorro* Studies
5 Teachers and the *Chamorro* Studies Division of both the Guam Department of
6 Education and the University of Guam be acknowledged as the vanguards who have
7 dedicated their efforts to emphasizing the significance of perpetuating the *Chamorro*
8 language, and to extending the use of language and culture within Guam’s Schools
9 and within the community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is also worthy to acknowledge the strong partnerships created
11 by the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs, the Guam Council on the Arts and
12 Humanities Agency with its Steering Committee collaborators, the Historic
13 Preservation Office, the Guam Museum, the Guam Preservation Trust, and all of
14 Guam’s community organizations that continue to carry out the mission to protect,
15 preserve, perpetuate and promote the *Chamorro* language and culture, *not only* during
16 *Chamorro* Month, but every day; and

17 **WHEREAS**, with the support of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* through Executive
18 Order No. 2014-05, Public Law 32-145 was enacted on April 28, 2014, officially
19 establishing “Guam History and *Chamorro* Heritage Day,” to be observed on the first
20 Monday of March every year; and

21 **WHEREAS**, as a legal holiday of the island of Guam, the observance of
22 “Guam History and *Chamorro* Heritage Day” compliments the annual celebration of
23 *Mes Chamorro* during the month of March; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the observance of “Guam History and *Chamorro* Heritage Day”
25 offers the community of Guam a specific day within the month to truly reflect and
26 acknowledge the beauty and brilliance of our island’s culture; now, therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Kuâtro Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
3 of Guam, recognize the month of March as “*Mes Chamorro (Chamorro Month)*”;
4 and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
6 people of Guam, does hereby salute the *Chamorro* Studies and Special Projects
7 Division of the Guam Department of Education as well as the Department of
8 *Chamorro* Affairs, the Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, the *Chamorro*
9 Studies Program of the University of Guam, the Historic Preservation Office, the
10 Guam Preservation Trust, the Guam Museum, and all of Guam’s community
11 organizations for their collaborative efforts to ensure the preservation and perpetuation
12 of the *Chamorro* Culture; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to
14 the adoption here of, and that copies of the same be transmitted to Mr. Johnny Sablan,
15 President, Department of *Chamorro* Affairs; to Dr. Judy Flores, Board Chair, Council
16 on the Arts and Humanities Agency; Dr. James Viernes, Program Chair, the
17 *Chamorro* Studies Program of the University of Guam; Ms. Lynda B. Aguon, State
18 Historic Preservation Officer, Guam State Historic Preservation Office; to Mr.
19 Michael B. Makio, Board Chair, Guam Preservation Trust; to Mr. Johnny Sablan,
20 President, Guam Museum; and to Ms. Rufina Mendiola, Administrator, *Chamoru*
21 Studies and Special Projects Division of the Guam Department of Education; and to
22 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE ____
DAY OF MONTH YEAR.**

BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Speaker

MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary