














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RESOLUTIONS

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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Archdiocese of *Agaña* – Office of Catholic Education is
4 celebrating *2023 National Catholic Schools Week* in observance of Catholic education
5 in the United States and Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS,** since 1974, the National Catholic Educators Association (NCEA)
7 had introduced and observed *National Catholic Schools Week* as an annual celebration

1 of Catholic education in the United States; and through several events, Catholic schools
2 focus on the value that Catholic education provides to young people, as well as their
3 contributions to the Catholic Church, local communities, and the nation; and this year's
4 2023 theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."; and

5 **WHEREAS**, students who attend Catholic schools receive challenging, high-
6 quality academic experiences in a supportive environment and are encouraged to engage
7 in innovative learning, problem solving, teamwork, and expanding their world view;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, with the support of the clergy and members of the religious orders
10 and the Catholic faithful, the Archdiocese of *Agaña* – Office of Catholic Education
11 began to establish Guam's Catholic Schools more than seventy-one (71) years ago; and
12 among the twelve (12) Catholic Schools on Guam, they consist of more than three
13 thousand two hundred (3,200) students and four hundred fifty (450) faculty and staff;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, during the observance of *2023 National Catholic Schools Week* on
16 Guam from January 29 to February 4, 2023, each respective school will host various
17 events during the week, highlighting student achievements, faculty and staff services,
18 and community outreach; and Guam's Catholic Schools will honor teachers and
19 principals, as well as administrators and staff, who support their students' success in
20 and out of the classroom, acknowledging that parents, guardians and other family
21 members also play a vital role as they instill values of the Catholic faith at home and in
22 the community; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1945, Bishop Apollinaris William Baumgartner, OFM Cap,
24 D.D., arrived on Guam and began laying the foundation for Guam's Catholic school
25 system. In 1949, Cathedral Grade School (CGS) became the first Catholic elementary
26 school on Guam and was administered by Sister Mary Inez Underwood, a Sister of

1 Mercy from Belmont, North Carolina; and in 1989, the school moved and changed its
2 name to Bishop Baumgartner Middle School (BBMS), and it continues to be a school
3 community that leads students to holistic excellence, to love all of God's creation, and
4 to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, a review of the Guam Catholic School System was
6 conducted by then Archdiocese of San Francisco Superintendent of Schools, Monsignor
7 Bernard A. Cummins, in which resulted in a consolidation of the junior high school
8 programs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1966, the Sisters of Mercy established Mercy Heights Nursery
10 and Kindergarten to provide childcare services for working mothers on Guam. Mercy
11 Heights Nursery and Kindergarten offers excellent care and educational curriculum for
12 pre-school and kindergarten children. The staff of Mercy Heights Nursery and
13 Kindergarten are dedicated to nurturing all our children with the Spirit of Jesus,
14 providing a safe and happy learning environment and enriching the learning experience
15 of our children; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Infant of Prague was founded in 1952 by the Sisters of Mercy,
17 namely Sister Redempta Thomas. The first Catholic daycare on Guam, celebrated its
18 70th anniversary of loving service to the island of Guam. Infant of Prague Catholic
19 Nursery and Kindergarten provides a clean nurturing environment where children can
20 learn and grow; and the goal of Infant of Prague Catholic Nursery and Kindergarten is
21 to instill lifelong values that develop the children's intellectual, physical, social,
22 emotional and spiritual development; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Dominican Child Development Center and Dominican Catholic
24 School seeks to educate young children to work toward the achievement of their full
25 potential in all areas of human development; and Dominican Catholic School

1 acknowledges that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children and
2 wholeheartedly values their support; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School was founded in 1957
4 to initially provide a Catholic education to the students of southern Guam under the
5 spiritual guidance of Father Mel McCormack. Mount Carmel School (MCS) educates
6 and develops the entire child and continues to enhance character and discipline while
7 preparing students for advanced education and the highest roles of responsibility in their
8 lifetimes as it prepares students for lifelong learning and for excellence in family and
9 community; and since 2007, MCS has won numerous elementary and middle school
10 competitions on Guam in music, sports, language, and other academics; and

11 **WHEREAS**, founded in September 1960 by the Sisters of Mercy, Saint Anthony
12 Catholic School has served as a pillar of community life and is known for its exuberant
13 spirit, its academics, and most especially for its inspiring Christian Character; and the
14 school continues to empower students to be self-assured, effective communicators,
15 critical thinkers, and strong informed citizens and leaders through a rich integrated
16 curriculum; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Saint Francis Catholic School was established 1949, rooted in the
18 person of Jesus Christ, and its students learn to use their gifts and talents to know, love,
19 and serve God and neighbor according to His divine plan; and the school prepares every
20 student for academic and Christian excellence, and to become an instrument of God's
21 peace in order to exude peace on our island of Guam and in the world; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara Catholic School students and staff are committed
23 Christians by practicing Catholic values and continuing to grow in faith; are responsible
24 members of the community by respecting and appreciating cultural diversity; are
25 creative and critical thinkers by using knowledge and mastery of problem solving skills
26 to make responsible decisions; and are effective communicators by using oral, written,

1 and creative forms of expression to clearly communicate ideas, information, and
2 emotions. Santa Barbara Catholic School was founded in 1950 under the leadership of
3 Father Fulgence Petrie, OFM Cap. with Sister Redempta, RSM as the first
4 principal. From its foundation, a Sister of Mercy continues to serve as principal of the
5 school. ; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Most Reverend Bishop Baumgartner, OFM Cap., founded San
7 Vicente Catholic School in 1955. The school was named after the Patron Saint of the
8 *Barrigada* Parish, San Vicente Ferrer, and the mission of San Vicente Catholic School
9 was to proclaim the gospel, develop a faith community, and educate its students for
10 service to humanity by integrating the Catholic faith with the learning process; and
11 fulfilled this mission by striving for excellence in education, developing character,
12 values and traditions, promoting discipline, and living daily the Catholic faith. San
13 Vicente Catholic School was officially closed on August 3, 2022 through a Decree after
14 sixty-seven (67) remarkable years of Catholic Education; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Academy of Our Lady of Guam (AOLG) is rooted in the unique
16 charism of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, and is an
17 Archdiocesan young women’s secondary school providing a holistic, comprehensive
18 and challenging quality education in a technologically advanced environment
19 maintaining a competitive advantage through academic excellence, faith formation,
20 values, and image; and making a world of difference in the journey towards excellence;
21 and its students are Christ-centered, are intellectually competent and resourceful, are
22 catalysts for change, are lifelong learners, and are effective communicators; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1948, Bishop Apollinaris Baumgartner, OFM Cap., established
24 Father Dueñas Memorial School (FDMS) as a minor seminary and a high school for
25 young men, located near the site of Father Duenas’ martyrdom. The Stigmatine Fathers
26 were the first administrators of FDMS and the school graduated its first class of twelve

1 (12) young men in 1950. In 1970, the late Governor Carlos G. Camacho issued
2 Government Proclamation 70-24 designating July 12th as “Father Dueñas Day”; and
3 students of Father Dueñas Memorial School are educated to grow to be faithful
4 Christians, responsible individuals, intellectual young men, accomplished
5 communicators, responsible citizens, and servant leaders of God; and

6 **WHEREAS**, established in 1968, Notre Dame High School is driven by the
7 charism of the SSND foundress, Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger - to transform the world
8 through education and bases its philosophy on the two (2)-fold mission of the School
9 Sisters of Notre Dame, which is to serve the Church in forming a Christian Community,
10 and to provide quality education that enables each person to reach the fullness of their
11 potential. The aim of the school within the context of the total curriculum is to assist
12 each student in becoming an informed Christian who is aware of the gospel’s challenge
13 to accept, develop, and integrate a faith-response into all facets of human life: spiritual,
14 academic, social, cultural, and physical; and this faith-response will be achieved upon
15 the acceptance of their social responsibilities and willingness to share their talents; and

16 **WHEREAS**, focusing on faith, excellence and service, Catholic schools on
17 Guam have shown resiliency during these unprecedented times in dealing with the
18 global COVID-19 health pandemic; and the Catholic school administrators, faculty,
19 staff, and students have adjusted to the return of the in-person mode of learning as they
20 continue to practice health and safety guidelines in the Catholic school community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, as Guam continues to cope with the coronavirus and plans for a
22 prosperous future, its people must stay proactive; and the observance of *Catholic*
23 *Schools Week* strengthens people’s hope and power to control the uncertainty; and faith
24 helps the local Catholic community to remain calm and focused so that we may all strive
25 for a healthy and hopeful new year; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
3 of Guam, recognize the observance of *2023 National Catholic Schools Week* during the
4 week of January 29 to February 4, 2023, with the theme: “Catholic Schools: Faith.
5 Excellence. Service.”; and commend the Guam Catholic Schools’ administration,
6 faculty and staff, and the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of *Agaña* for
7 their continued dedication and commitment to the students of Catholic schools on Guam
8 as they celebrate the occasion; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to Rev. Fr. Jeffrey C. San Nicolas, Interim
12 Superintendent of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*, the Office of Catholic Education; His
13 Excellency Metropolitan Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes, S.T.D., Archdiocese of *Agaña*;
14 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF JANUARY 2023.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary