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

3 **WHEREAS**, Joint Region Marianas Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM),
4 represented by Navy Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson, announced that Eagles Field,
5 also known as *Lålo*, is no longer considered "excess land" by the military and will
6 subsequently be taken back unless the condition of building and funding a joint civilian-
7 military hospital is fulfilled by the Government of Guam; thus, depriving the Eagles
8 Field previous recorded owners of any chance of having the land returned to them in
9 the future; and

1 **WHEREAS**, “Federal excess land” is a designation bestowed to property
2 determined to have no military value at the time of designation. However, this property
3 titling does not automatically begin the formal transfer process; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Public Law 106-504, passed in 2000, currently prohibits returning
5 the land back to the previous recorded owners. This federal statute requires all transfers
6 of excess federal property to be only for public use. This is defined to exclude transfers
7 to an individual for private use other than on a "nondiscriminatory basis"; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on January 31st, 2023, Guam’s Delegate to Congress, James C.
9 Moylan, introduced H.R. 673 in the 106th United States Congress to amend the federal
10 law and revise how excess returned land is addressed. If enacted, the measure will
11 require the Government of Guam to establish a procedure for transferring excess land
12 to their original landowners or their heirs, provided that such prior ownership can be
13 verified by official records; and

14 **WHEREAS**, there are currently five designated excess federal properties that
15 may potentially be given to the Government of Guam. These properties include land in
16 Piti, Agat, Dededo, Tamuning, and most recently, *Hagåtña*; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* seeks to prevent the same fate of the heirs
18 of the previous recorded owners of Eagles field from happening to heirs of other excess
19 lands; now therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express its support
22 to return federal excess lands in Guam to its previous recorded owners by supporting
23 H.R.673, introduced in the 106th Congress, United States House of Representatives,
24 which seeks to amend Public Law 106-504 to allow certain land in Guam to be
25 transferred to previous recorded owners of that land for other purposes; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
27 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

1 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of
2 the United States; the Honorable Kamala D.Harris, Vice President of the United States;
3 the Honorable Lloyd Austin, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable Mike Rogers,
4 Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, to the Honorable James C. Moylan,
5 Guam’s Delegate to Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
6 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary