

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
259-37 (LS)	Roy A. B. Quinata Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing Leilani V. Lujan on the historical milestone of becoming the first (1st) woman, Indigenous <i>CHamoru</i> of Pacific Islander descent, and LGBTQ+ individual to lead the U.S. Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and commending her for her nearly thirty (30) years of public service.	11/28/23 9:46 a.m.	1/12/24 2:00 p.m.	11/28/23					

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**WHEREAS**, Leilani is a proud alumnus of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and the University of Guam, where she was notably honored as a Truman Scholar; and she continued in her higher education and attended the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law, where she received her Juris Doctor in 1992, and went on to clerk for the Honorable Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., 12<sup>th</sup> Division, First Circuit Court of Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994, Leilani began her career in criminal defense at the State of Hawaii Office of the Public Defender, where she served as a Deputy Public Defender working in the Oahu and Maui offices; and in 2005, she became a solo practitioner for civil, criminal, and family law. While serving in private practice, she was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court to serve as an independent counsel for the grand jury and an arbitrator in the court-annexed arbitration program; and she had served as a member of the First Circuit Court of Hawaii's court-appointed attorney panel. In 2008, she returned home to Guam and continued in her private practice in the local and federal courts until joining the Guam Federal Defender's Office in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout Leilani's nearly thirty (30) years of service focusing on criminal law, she devoted substantial time to outreaches and initiatives that nurture laws and educate on programs and awareness in her specialty, including Career Day presentations at Guam public schools, the Guam Girl Scouts Justice Patch Day, the Guam public and private school mock trials, the Liberation Day Naturalization Ceremony, Pride Month Discussion, the Drug Court Month Education Outreach Panel, and the Guam Police Department Crime Lab Mock Trial Training. She has also served on multiple committees, including the Maui Drug Court, the Hawaii Criminal Charging Procedures Task Force, the Hawaii Permanent Committee on Rules of Penal Procedure and Circuit Court Rules, the Hawaii Code Review Committee, the Guam Jury Instructions Subcommittee, and the Guam Ethics Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2023, judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Circuit selected Leilani to serve as a Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to serve for a term of four (4) years; and Leilani's service to the people provides significant and historical milestones as she is the first Indigenous *CHamoru*, the first woman, the first Pacific Islander, and the first LGBTQ+ individual to lead the office; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that I *Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Leilani V. Lujan on the historical milestone of becoming the first (1<sup>st</sup>) woman, Indigenous *CHamoru* of Pacific Islander descent, and LGBTQ+ individual to lead the U.S. Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and commend her for her nearly thirty (30) years of public service; and be it further

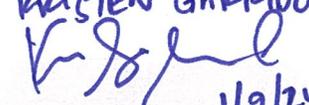
**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Leilani V. Lujan; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maña'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



KRISTEN GARRIDO  
  
3:42PM  
1/9/24

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**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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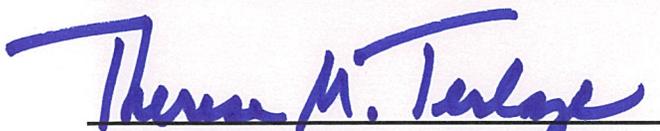
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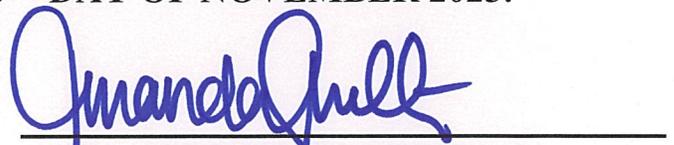
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OFFICE OF SENATOR  
**ROY A. B. QUINATA**

*I Mina' trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 37th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Infrastructure, Economic Development, Simon Sanchez High School, Disabilities Services,  
Self-Determination and Historic Preservation, Housing, Public Accountability, and the Guam Buildup

January 9, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: All Members of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan***

**From: Senator Roy A. B. Quinata** 

**Subject: Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 259-37 (LS)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join me in presenting Resolution No. 259-37 (LS) - "Relative to recognizing Leilani V. Lujan on the historical milestone of becoming the first (1st) woman, Indigenous CHamoru of Pacific Islander descent, and LGBTQ+ individual to lead the U.S. Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and commending her for her nearly thirty (30) years of public service."

The presentation will occur on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of the U.S. District Court of Guam.

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*