

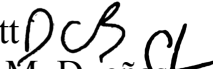










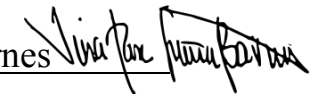
**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Craig Santos Perez is a native *CHamoru* poet, scholar, editor,
4 publisher, essayist, critic, book reviewer, artist, environmentalist, and political activist,
5 originally from the village of *Mongmong*; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Craig Santos Perez received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the
7 University of Redlands, a Master of Fine Arts in Writing Degree from the University of

1 San Francisco, and a Master of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy in Comparative Ethnic
2 Studies from The University of California, Berkeley; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is an Associate Professor in the English
4 Department at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa, where he teaches Pacific Literature
5 and Creative Writing; an affiliate faculty member with the Center of Pacific Island
6 Studies and the Indigenous Politics Program; the Chair of the Hawaiian, Asian, and
7 Pacific Islander Board in the Office of General Education; and was a faculty member
8 of the Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation (VONA), Kundiman Writers Retreat, and
9 Mokule'ia Retreat; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is the author of five (5) books of poetry: *from*
11 *unincorporated territory [hacha]*; *from unincorporated territory [saina]*; *from*
12 *unincorporated territory [guma']*; *from unincorporated territory [lukao]*; and *Habitat*
13 *Threshold*; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez is the co-founder of Ala Press; an editor of two
15 anthologies of Pacific Literature; has published two (2) spoken-word poetry albums;
16 and has had his work featured in various media such as the Colorado Review, New
17 American Media, CNBC, BBC Cultural Frontline, Slate, The Guardian, the Pacific
18 Daily News and the Guam Daily Post; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Craig Santos Perez was awarded the National Book Award for
20 Poetry in November of 2023 by the National Book Foundation for his collection of
21 poems, *from unincorporated territory [âmot]*; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the National Book Foundation was founded to administer the
23 National Book Awards, one of the most prestigious literary prizes in the country with a
24 mission to celebrate the best literature published in the United States, expand its
25 audience, and ensure that books have a prominent place in our culture; and

26 **WHEREAS**, in March of 1950, publishers, editors, writers and critics gathered
27 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City to celebrate the first annual National

1 Book Awards which would go on to acknowledge the works of writers such as Ralph
2 Ellison, Bernard Malamud, Toni Morrison, Flannery O’Connor, Thomas Pynchon,
3 Alice Walker, Ta-Nehisi Coates, William Faulkner and many more renowned writers
4 that have helped shape the foundation and evolution of American Literature; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the foundation assembles twenty-five (25) distinguished writers,
6 critics, librarians, and booksellers to judge the National Book Awards, where they read
7 between one-hundred-fifty (150) to upwards of five hundred (500) titles, to present
8 awards in the categories of Fiction, Non-fiction, Poetry, Translated Literature and
9 Young People’s Literature; and

10 **WHEREAS**, *from unincorporated territory [åmot]*, was “created to help heal
11 traumatic wounds linked to colonialism, militarism and environmental injustice in
12 Guahan” and is a powerfully moving and deeply personal expression of what it means
13 to be indigenous and find healing through expression and the stories we tell amongst
14 one another and the stories we share with the world; now therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Craig
17 Santos Perez for his illustrious career as an indigenous writer and scholar from Guam;
18 and congratulate him on winning the prestigious National Book Award for Poetry for
19 his book *from unincorporated territory [åmot]*; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
21 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
22 the same be thereafter transmitted to Craig Santos Perez; and to the Honorable Lourdes
23 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 MONTH YEAR.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary