

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to recognize the life and
4 accomplishments of those distinguished citizens of this great island who have devoted
5 themselves to faithfully serving the best interests of our community and the needs of
6 our people; and

7 **WHEREAS**, one of those distinguished citizens is Dr. Dustin B. Prins, a United
8 States Navy veteran and an esteemed podiatry specialist with over seventeen (17) years
9 of dedicated service in the field, possessing extensive qualifications and certifications;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Prins's efforts have been particularly impactful in Guam, where
12 diabetes is a prevalent health concern; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Guam continues to face significant challenges related to diabetes,
14 with statistics indicating a high prevalence of the condition among its population.
15 According to the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services,
16 approximately 14% of adults in Guam have been diagnosed with diabetes, a rate that is
17 higher than the U.S. national average. This chronic disease poses severe health risks,

1 including complications such as heart disease, kidney failure, and lower-limb
2 amputations; and

3 **WHEREAS**, given the prevalence of diabetes, a leading contributor to mortality
4 in Guam, Dr. Prins a seasoned practitioner adept at addressing foot and ankle concerns.
5 His proficiency extends to discerning the manifestations of various diseases, including
6 diabetes, arthritis, and cardiovascular conditions, which often exhibit warning signs in
7 the lower extremities; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Prins has been instrumental in addressing the diabetes epidemic
9 in Guam through both treatment and education. He has implemented comprehensive
10 diabetes management programs that focus on early detection, personalized treatment
11 plans, and patient education. His approach emphasizes the importance of lifestyle
12 modifications, including diet and exercise, to manage and prevent diabetes and has
13 empowered countless individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to take control
14 of their health; and

15 **WHEREAS**, beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Prins is a loving
16 husband and father. He balances his demanding career with his commitment to his
17 family, ensuring that he provides support and guidance to his children. His role as a
18 foster parent further highlights his compassionate nature and dedication to nurturing
19 and providing for children in need. This selfless act of opening his home to foster
20 children reflects his deep-seated belief in giving back to the community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Prins's faith plays a central role in his life and work. Guided by
22 strong moral and ethical principles, he integrates his faith into his medical practice by
23 treating each patient with respect, dignity, and compassion. His belief in serving others
24 is evident in his daily interactions with patients and colleagues alike. He approaches
25 each case with empathy, ensuring that his patients feel heard, valued, and cared for; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Prins exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated medical
27 professional, compassionate volunteer, and devoted family man. His extensive medical
28 background and education enable him to provide exceptional care, while his
29 volunteerism and personal values underscore his commitment to making a positive

1 difference in the lives of others. Through his efforts in addressing diabetes in Guam,
2 Dr. Prins has not only enhanced the quality of life for many individuals but has also
3 fostered a greater sense of community awareness and proactive health management. His
4 multifaceted contributions continue to inspire and uplift those around him; and

5 **WHEREAS**, driven by an unwavering commitment to healthcare, Dr. Prins has
6 wholeheartedly dedicated himself to enhancing the well-being of Guam's community.
7 His dedication goes beyond professional duty, reflecting an inherent passion for
8 promoting health and wellness among the people of Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* expresses its gratitude for the value of Dr.
10 Prins's contributions as a healthcare provider and his influential role in enhancing both
11 the medical field of podiatry and the broader scope of healthcare administration; now
12 therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
15 exemplary contributions of Dr. Dustin B. Prins; and to acknowledge his service to our
16 island community; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
18 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
19 the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr. Dustin B. Prins; and to the Honorable Lourdes
20 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
JUNE 2024.**