

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

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

7 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long standing
8 traditions, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is justly proud to honor the citizens who have been
9 summoned for jury service at the Judiciary of Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the right to a trial by jury is a cornerstone of the American legal
11 system, and the privilege and duty of serving as a juror is as fundamental to democracy
12 as the right to vote, enshrined in the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution
13 and reflected in the Organic Act of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, over thirteen thousand (13,000) citizens of Guam each year report
2 for jury service at the Judiciary, allowing thousands of cases to be fairly and justly
3 adjudicated; and

4 **WHEREAS**, jurors dedicate their time, energy, and attention to performing this
5 vital public service, often at great personal and professional sacrifice to fulfill this
6 important civic duty; and

7 **WHEREAS**, participation in jury service demonstrates the responsibility of
8 Guam’s people, who understand the value of their role in providing the right to a speedy,
9 impartial trial in civil and criminal cases; and

10 **WHEREAS**, every year, the Judiciary of Guam designates a week as “Juror
11 Appreciation Week” to publicly acknowledge the contributions of those who serve as
12 jurors, educate the public on the importance of jury duty, and strengthen confidence in
13 the justice system; and

14 **WHEREAS**, "*Juror Appreciation Week*" provides an opportunity to
15 acknowledge the commitment and dedication of past, present, and future jurors who
16 answer the call to serve and uphold the principles of justice and democracy; and

17 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* expresses profound appreciation for the
18 dedication and commitment demonstrated by Guam jurors, serving with integrity and
19 upholding the principles of justice; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
21 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, honor the exceptional
22 service and commitment of Guam’s jurors who answer the call to serve the community
23 by providing the right to a speedy, impartial trial in civil and criminal cases; and to
24 further recognize September 9-13, 2024 as “*Juror Appreciation Week*” ; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
26 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
27 Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C.

- 1 Lamorena III, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Guam; Danielle T. Rosete,
- 2 Administrator of the Courts, Judiciary of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
- 3 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF AUGUST 2024.