

**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 GUÁHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, more than 37 years ago, in 1986, two Ocean Conservancy**
4 **employees, Linda Maraniss and Kathy O'Hara, launched the first International Coastal**
5 **Cleanup (ICC), a now annual event in which communities rally together with the**

1 common goal of collecting and documenting the trash littering their coastlines
2 worldwide. Since its beginning, more than 17 million volunteers have collected more
3 than 350 million pounds of trash; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in partnership with volunteer organizations, government agencies,
5 non-profit organizations, and volunteers from the general public, the International
6 Coastal Cleanup engages people to remove trash from the world's beaches and
7 waterways. Thanks to millions of volunteers around the world, the ICC has become a
8 beacon of hope, leading and inspiring action in support of our ocean; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam first joined over 122 countries in this worldwide effort in
10 1995, with almost 450 volunteers participating in clearing trash from Ylig Bay, Agat
11 Shore, and Dungca's Beach. The volunteers collected around 34,172 pieces of trash
12 equal to 8,537 pounds, and recycled 467 pounds of aluminum cans. This began a long
13 term commitment and effort towards maintaining trash-free, clean, and beautiful
14 beaches throughout the island—with efforts that have garnered over 4,000 volunteers,
15 cleaned more than 25 sites across the island, and prevented several tons of trash from
16 entering the ocean each year; and

17 **WHEREAS**, according to Ocean Conservancy's yearly reports, Guam was
18 recognized in the years 2017 and 2018 as the 18th of the Top 20 Participating Countries
19 in the International Coastal Cleanup, with 5,651 and 5,398 people participating—and
20 23,420 and 36,297 pounds of garbage collected, respectively; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, 2,442 volunteers participated in Guam's International
22 Coastal Cleanup and collected 11,865 pounds of litter across the expanse of 75.3 miles,
23 composed of 10 of the world's top collected items such as cigarette butts (2,788), plastic
24 bottles (2,649), food wrappers (1,419), bottle caps (1,353), plastic grocery bags (361),
25 other plastic bags (629), foam food containers (250), plastic food containers (172),
26 paper cups and plates (372), and plastic straws (247), as well as larger items such as
27 white goods, furniture, televisions, etc.; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the GICC has been a landmark event in our island community for
2 decades, drawing participants from local organizations, schools, businesses, and
3 individuals who share a passion for environmental conservation and stewardship. With
4 the support of these dedicated volunteers, the GICC has provided an opportunity for the
5 people of Guam to come together and clean up our beaches and coastal areas, has made
6 significant strides in keeping our oceans clean and safe for marine life, and is an
7 important opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our oceans
8 and marine environment; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the GICC is the island’s largest cleanup, voluntarily led every third
10 Saturday of September by the Bureau of Statistics and Plans’ Guam Coastal
11 Management Program, with generous Site Leader Volunteers who organize and manage
12 each of the cleanup site locations; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this year’s ICC theme is “Sea the Change,” a call for all
14 communities worldwide to dedicate time, energy, and resources towards actions that
15 lead to a cleaner and healthier ocean, including clearing our beaches of small, singular
16 pieces of trash daily, reducing our overall consumption of singular use items, properly
17 disposing of waste, and even simply committing ourselves to keeping our island and
18 oceans clean—so that one day we may “sea the change” in our oceans, marine life, and
19 in our own lives; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the continued success of the GICC would not be possible without
21 the support of entities such as the Bureau of Statistics and Plans Guam Coastal
22 Management Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the
23 Islandwide Beautification Taskforce; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the world’s oceans are plagued with pollution derived from illegal
25 dumping and litter that threaten and can irreparably harm marine life and ocean
26 ecosystems. Plastics and other garbage waste contaminate the food chain with
27 microplastics, chemicals, and other pollutants that endanger whole species of sea life
28 and gradually poison those who consume it. As an island whose people are reliant on

1 the ocean for sustenance and economic stability, and who are culturally and spiritually
2 connected to the ocean, it is necessary to contribute our resources towards a cleaner and
3 healthier ocean and marine environment; and

4 **WHEREAS**, September 21, 2024 will mark the thirtieth (30th) annual Guam
5 International Coastal Cleanup, through which we assume our collective responsibility
6 to ensure a clean and beautiful island, ocean, and world for our future generations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Guam International Coastal Cleanup event is a valuable
8 contribution to the global effort to protect our planet, and the Guam Legislature
9 recognizes the importance of protecting our environment and natural resources and that
10 it is the responsibility of all citizens to help accomplish this mission; now therefore, be
11 it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and celebrate the thirtieth (30th) annual
14 Guam International Coastal Cleanup Event. *I Liheslatura* encourages the participation
15 and support of all Guam businesses, organizations, and residents in this momentous
16 occasion; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
18 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the management and staff of the Bureau of
19 Statistics and Plans' Guam Coastal Management Program for their continued
20 organization of the Guam International Coastal Cleanup spanning thirty (30) years. *I*
21 *Liheslatura* expresses its profound gratitude for all BSP GCMP management and staff,
22 whose service has made the Guam International Coastal Cleanup a fundamental pillar
23 of the island's environmental custodianship; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
25 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the many sponsors, Site Leader Volunteers,
26 and countless volunteers who make the annual Guam International Coastal Cleanup a
27 success. *I Liheslatura* extends a heartfelt *un dangkulu na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for all
28 participants' efforts in critically reducing trash along Guam's coastlines and beaches.

1 Our community’s involvement and continued stewardship is essential to creating a
2 cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful island; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, calls upon the Governor of Guam to issue a proclamation declaring September
6 21, 2024, as “Guam International Coastal Cleanup Day”; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Chair of the Island Beautification Task Force,
10 Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio; Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans,
11 Lola Leon Guerrero; Administrator of the Guam Coastal Management Program, Edwin
12 Reyes; Director of the Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and
13 Atmospheric Administration, Jeffrey L. Payne, Ph.D.; Ocean Conservancy
14 Organization Programs: Trash Free Seas and the International Coastal Cleanup; and to
15 the Honorable Lourdes 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
2024.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary