

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the
4 contributions and achievements of distinguished diplomats whose work strengthens
5 international relations, and it is the custom of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to commend
6 those diplomats who have dedicated themselves to faithfully serving the interests of
7 our island and fostering cooperation with the global community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ishigami Rumiko assumed her role as Consul-General of
9 Japan in Hagåtña, Guam, on April 25, 2023, and since then, has demonstrated an
10 unwavering commitment to fostering positive relations between Japan and Guam
11 through various initiatives aimed at cultural, diplomatic, and economic
12 collaboration; and

1 **WHEREAS**, under her leadership, the Consulate-General of Japan has
2 coordinated cleanup activities at the South Pacific Memorial Park, symbolizing the
3 shared respect between the peoples of Guam and Japan for the memories of those
4 affected by World War II and the preservation of significant historical sites; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ishigami has worked diligently to meet with Guam's
6 leaders, including members of the Guam Legislature, the Governor's Office, the
7 Congressman's Office, and the Guam Visitors Bureau, to discuss continued
8 collaboration between Japan and Guam in the areas of tourism, the economy,
9 education, and cross-cultural exchanges, enhancing the mutual benefits of these
10 partnerships; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in her efforts to further strengthen the Japan-U.S. alliance,
12 Consul-General Ishigami engaged with military leaders to discuss the security
13 alliance between Japan and the United States, emphasizing the importance of
14 maintaining a safe, secure, peaceful, and prosperous Pacific region; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ishigami participated in a significant presentation
16 ceremony at the Guam Museum, where Sergeant Shoichi Yokoi's pottery collection
17 was donated from Yokoi's Museum in Japan, deepening the cultural ties and shared
18 history between Japan and Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in partnership with the Japan Foundation, Mrs. Ishigami
20 facilitated the "Manga Hokusai Manga: Approaching the Master's Compendium
21 from the Perspective of Contemporary Comics" exhibition at the Guam Museum,
22 which was showcased from September 6 to November 15, 2023, further promoting
23 cross-cultural understanding through art and history; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ishigami met with representatives of the Guam Nikkei
25 Association to discuss the promotion of relations with the Nikkei Community in
26 Guam, emphasizing the shared heritage and the important role of the Japanese
27 diaspora in the cultural landscape of the island; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Consul-General Ishigami also coordinated the hosting of "Japan
2 Sunday," a cultural event at Micronesia Mall, where Guam residents were able to
3 experience Japanese culture through performances, demonstrations, and interactive
4 experiences; and

5 **WHEREAS**, her commitment to educational cooperation was further
6 demonstrated, when she paid a courtesy call on Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, President
7 of the University of Guam, to discuss future collaborations between universities in
8 Japan and UOG, fostering academic exchange and shared learning opportunities;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ishigami organized a U.S.-Japan Friendship Appreciation
11 Reception to honor U.S. military personnel who had served in Japan, recognizing
12 their contributions to the Japan-U.S. alliance and furthering the longstanding bond
13 between the two nations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, under her tenure, the Guam-Japan economic relationship has
15 flourished with the opening of popular Japan-based stores, including Don Don
16 Donki, Daiso, and Matsumoto Kiyoshi in April 2024, contributing to economic
17 growth and enhancing cultural exchanges through commerce; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a new United Airlines route between Haneda, Japan, and Guam
19 was established, further strengthening tourism and business opportunities between
20 the two regions, a reflection of the deepening ties cultivated by Consul-General
21 Ishigami; and

22 **WHEREAS**, throughout her time in Guam, Mrs. Ishigami has participated in
23 memorials honoring the survivors of World War II, paying her respects at various
24 sites around the island, thereby contributing to healing and reconciliation efforts
25 between Japan and Guam; now therefore be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
27 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Mrs.

1 Ishigami Rumiko, Consul-General of Japan in Hagåtña, for her outstanding
2 contributions to strengthening the diplomatic, cultural, and economic ties between
3 Guam and Japan; and to further extending the sincere appreciation of the
4 People of Guam for her efforts in fostering cross-cultural exchange, economic
5 collaboration, and support for a peaceful Pacific region.; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
7 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ishigami
8 Rumiko, Consul-General of Japan in Hagåtña; and to the Honorable Lourdes A.
9 Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary