

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**, 2024 marks the Seventy-Second (72nd) anniversary of the
4 founding of the University, which was established in 1952 as the Territorial College of
5 Guam and renamed the University of Guam in 1968; and

6 **WHEREAS**, since its founding, UOG has conferred over twenty-thousand
7 (20,000) bachelor's and master's degrees to students who serve as the foundation of our
8 island's and region's professional workforce and who strengthened our economy as
9 they establish themselves in businesses and the community as accountants, scientists,
10 nurses, teachers, entrepreneurs, social workers, engineers, and many other specialties;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, UOG alums maintain a robust and vibrant presence in all sectors of
13 our community and play a significant role in the political, economical, and social
14 development in our region and around the world; and

1 **WHEREAS**, UOG, as the only four (4)-year, U.S. accredited Land Grant and
2 Sea Grant institution in the western Pacific, is a public comprehensive university
3 offering twenty-five (25) undergraduate programs, sixteen (16) graduate programs, and
4 fourteen (14) certificate programs; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam started a pre-engineering program in 1989
6 in recognition of a critical need for engineers in Guam, for several years UOG students
7 were able to complete two years of engineering course study before transferring to off-
8 island ABET accredited institutions to complete their degree program; and

9 **WHEREAS**, On October 29, 2009, the president of UOG, Robert A. Underwood
10 reached out to establish a four-year accredited engineering degree program to meet the
11 current and growing demand for engineering expertise in Guam and the region’s private
12 and public sectors and

13 **WHEREAS**, In September 2016, the UOG Board of Regents formally
14 established the new School of Engineering. In February 2019, the Board of Regents
15 approved a four-year Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering for the School of
16 Engineering; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam School of Engineering graduated its first
18 thirty-two (32) students in 2021, and currently has an enrollment of two hundred
19 twenty-five (225) students as of today; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the University’s Board of Regents confers a Bachelor of Science
21 Degree in Civil Engineering upon students who successfully complete the School of
22 Engineering curriculum; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2018, the University of Guam signed a \$5.4
24 million contract with Bascon Corporation to begin construction on the UOG School of
25 Engineering Building in front of the Agriculture and Life Sciences Building expected
26 around 2025. The building design was completed by David Hurchanik Architect LLC

1 with the UOG Endowment Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture
2 providing the loan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The new School of Engineering building will consist of a sixteen
4 thousand (16,000) square foot building that accommodates three classrooms, three
5 laboratories to meet 21st century academic and research requirements; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the above milestones have resulted in recognition by the
7 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), a national accrediting
8 organization and has accredited the University of Guam Civil Engineering program for
9 a maximum term of six year; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the University of Guam School of Engineering joins more than nine
11 hundred (900) other ABET accredited colleges and universities globally underscoring
12 the commitment of the University of Guam to educate and train engineers for 21st
13 century jobs in Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, students from throughout Micronesia, the Western Pacific, Asia-
15 Pacific and beyond can now look to the University of Guam to pursue an ABET
16 accredited course of study in preparation for and pursuit of engineering careers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the academic mission of the School of Engineering is to develop
18 competent professionals prepared for entry-level positions in civil engineering, to
19 further study in graduate school, and for life-long learning and societal leadership; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the vision of the School of Engineering strives to graduate qualified
21 engineers, maintain nationally recognized research, and provide quality professional
22 and community service to Guam, Micronesia, and the neighboring regions in the Pacific
23 and Asia. Careers in Engineering have proven potential to drive a community's
24 economic growth in numerous ways; now therefore be it,

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
26 on behalf the people of Guam, recognize the University of Guam Bachelor of Science

1 Program in Civil Engineering on its accreditation by the Accreditation Board for
2 Engineering and Technology (ABET); and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
4 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the University
5 of Guam’s School of Engineering; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
6 *Maga’hågan Guåhan*.

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

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary