


***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

Roy A. B. Quinata 

**Relative to recognizing *Guma' Råsan Åcho' Latte* for their continued efforts in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating the *CHamoru* culture for the people of Guam; and congratulating them on their twenty-fifth (25) anniversary.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 15, 1999, *Saina* Brian “BJ” Terlaje initiated hula  
4 classes, extending an invitation to all who aspired to learn the art of Hawaiian Hula  
5 dances, especially for the youth of *Yoña*; and

6 **WHEREAS**, *Saina* Brian “BJ” Terlaje created the Hui Ohana dance group which  
7 later merged with *Natibu* Dance Academy to form the *Mañe'lon Natibu* Cultural Dance  
8 Group. Their performances showcased Hawaiian, Tahitian, and *CHamoru* dances, and  
9 the group honed their skills and achieved success in various competitions; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, *Saina* BJ entered and began teaching within the Guam  
11 Public School System. *Saina* BJ’s instructional approach was rooted in preserving the  
12 essence of *CHamoru* culture through dynamic forms of expression, including dance,  
13 weaving, traditional songs, and revered chants; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2006 *Mañe'lon Natibu* evolved into *Guma' Råsan Åcho' Latte*,  
15 Descendants of the Latte Stone. This transformation marked an extension of *Guma'*

1 *Taotao Tãno'* led by the guidance of *Saina* Frank Rabon, a distinguished Master of  
2 *CHamoru* Dance. Additionally, in 2008, *Saina* Brian “BJ” Terlaje was granted the  
3 esteemed title of “*Fafa'nã'gue*,” denoting his role as a respected instructor of  
4 Traditional *CHamoru* Dance. This honor was shared with six (6) other distinguished  
5 teachers within the realm of *Guma' Rãsan Åcho' Latte*; and

6         **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Rãsan Åcho' Latte*, a community-based dance group, has  
7 opened to other villagers around the island and has established “Sister-Cities” between  
8 the village of *Yoña* and the Municipalities of Kapangan, Tagudin, Bataan in the  
9 Philippines with the help of former Mayor Jesse Blas and “Sister-Schools” with  
10 GBDIAS High School in Kapangan, Philippines; Benguet State University in La  
11 Trinidad, Philippines; Kansai Chuo High School in Asuka, Japan; and Takatori Kokusai  
12 High School in Nara, Japan; and

13         **WHEREAS**, *Rãsan Åcho' Latte* also represented Guam in Europe for the 2023  
14 Vitosha International Folkdance Competition in Sofia, Bulgaria; the Magic of Mezdra  
15 International Invitational Folkdance Festival; and the 24<sup>th</sup> International Istanbul  
16 Büyükçekmece Culture and Art Festival in Istanbul, Turkey; and

17         **WHEREAS**, *Guma' Rãsan Åcho' Latte* garnered the overall 2<sup>nd</sup> Place prize and  
18 Best in Music Award for the Vitosha International Folkdance Competition. *Guma*  
19 *Rãsan Åcho' Latte* happened to be the only Pacific Islander group to participate in these  
20 competitions, not only representing Guam, but the entire Pacific region as well; and

21         **WHEREAS**, throughout its twenty-five (25) year history, *Guma' Rãsan Åcho'*  
22 *Latte* has received many awards and has participated in many activities both  
23 domestically and abroad and has traveled and represented Guam and the Marianas  
24 Islands all over the world to include, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Philippines,  
25 Malaysia, the Federated States of Micronesia, the United States of America and Europe.  
26 These activities include the Saipan Flame Tree Festival; the *Dinanña Minagof*  
27 *CHamoru* Cultural Dance Competition; the World Hula in Honolulu, Hawaii; Guam

1 Hula Competition; promotions in Tokyo, Japan; the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and most recently  
2 the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Pacific Arts in Hawaii; the 18<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islander Festival in  
3 San Diego California; the 4<sup>th</sup> *CHamoru* Cultural Festival in Market Creek Plaza, San  
4 Diego; and the Pacific Educator’s Conference in Majuro, Marshall Islands, and Koror,  
5 Palau; and

6       **WHEREAS**, after twenty-five (25) years, *Guma' Råsan Åcho' Latte* continues  
7 its journey of educating on the *Chamoru* culture through dance and song, both  
8 domestically and abroad; and is committed to ensuring the prosperity of the *Chamoru*  
9 culture; now therefore, be it

10       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize *Guma'*  
12 *Råsan Åcho' Latte* for their continued efforts in preserving, promoting, and perpetuating  
13 the *CHamoru* culture for the people of Guam; and congratulate them on their twenty-  
14 fifth (25) anniversary; and be it further

15       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
16 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
17 the same be thereafter transmitted to *Saina Brian “BJ” Terlaje, Guma' Råsan Åcho'*  
18 *Latte*; and to 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 OCTOBER 2024.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary