

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

| Resolution No. | Sponsor | Title | Date Intro | Date of Presentation | Date Adopted | Date Referred | Referred to | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED | NOTES |
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| 557-37 (COR) | Amanda L. Shelton | Relative to recognizing the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) on its Forty-ninth (49th) Year Anniversary; and commending DPR for the invaluable services that they have provided to the people of Guam. | 10/14/24 10:19 a.m. | 10/18/24 12:00 p.m. | 10/24/24 4:19 p.m. | | | | | |

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Introduced by:
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11/14/24 8:47AM
Jay Milton

Relative to recognizing the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) on its Forty-ninth (49th) Year Anniversary; and commending DPR for the invaluable services that they have provided to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) performs a wide variety of parks, recreation, and historic preservation services for our community; and it is committed to improving the quality of life for our residents and our visitors by promoting healthy lifestyles, strengthening our families, maintaining our parks and natural areas, and preserving our island's unique heritage; and

WHEREAS, DPR continues to properly maintain and operate our parks and recreational facilities, and ensures that all parks, equipment, and facilities are safe, attractive, accessible, and user-friendly; and they also ensure that our island's historic sites are protected and restored for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, DPR provides activities that can reduce stress, provide socialization opportunities, and improve the mental and physical well-being of our youth, adults, seniors, and challenged individuals; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam share a long and rich relationship with the flora and fauna of the island, as our culture and values are rooted in nature and provide a sacred connection to our ancestors; and

WHEREAS, since the island's indigenous times, land has been used for communal and ritual purposes; and it has shaped the ideals that the people of Guam still honor today; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between the land and the people of Guam has slowly evolved to reflect the Spanish concept of public land, where these areas are accessible regardless of clan or village ownership; and

WHEREAS, despite this transformative period, our ancestors have learned to adapt and localize different perspectives to continue their traditional concepts, practices, and protocols in the efforts to preserve their culture; and

WHEREAS, DPR also recognizes the importance of our rich heritage through the preservation of our many historic sites, and acknowledging Guam's Pre-Contact, Spanish, Early American, Japanese/World War II and Post War Historic Timelines; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of the Organic Act of Guam in 1950 came a new era for Guam's parks; and as part of the Organic Act of Guam, the United States had transferred land to the newly established Government of Guam that was designated to become publicly accessible parks, beaches, conservation areas, recreation areas, cemeteries, historic sites, and national landmarks; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 1975, at 11:30 a.m., Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo signed Public Law 12-209 transferring the responsibility of parks and recreational resources from the Department of Land management to a newly-created Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). This is generally considered to be the enacting legislation that formed what the Department is today, and is also governed by 21 GCA Chapter 77; and over the years, through legislative action, several parks and recreational facilities have been transferred to government entities such as Mayor's offices or other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, DPR had well over two hundred (200) employees; however, today, it only has forty-seven (47) hardworking employees who labor and strive to upkeep over sixty (60) territorial and community parks and recreational facilities, including the Paseo Stadium, the Northern Regional Sports Complex (which includes a gymnasium, four (4) baseball fields, and various open spaces), two (2) public swimming pool facilities, a tennis court facility, the Governor Joseph Flores (Ypao) Beach Park, and numerous other public cemeteries; and it is responsible for over two hundred (200) historic sites and landmarks in addition to the regulatory responsibilities of the DPR Historic Preservation Division; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, DPR was expected to see much in the way of upgrades to its facilities and infrastructure thanks in large part to the commitment of American Rescue Plan funding by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, the securing of grant funding in cooperation with the Guam State Clearinghouse and the Department of Agriculture (DOAg), and the application for funding through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) grant funding due to the extensive damage in the wake of Typhoon Mawar; and

WHEREAS, in the first six (6) months of 2023, DPR has overseen the completed renovations and upgrades at both the Jose Guerrero Softball Field in Hagåtña and the *Sakagbala* Natural Tide pools in *Inalilhan*, the expected successful completion of new community gymnasiums around the island to include *Dededo*, *Tamuning*, *Agaña Heights*, and *Makasa* to name a few, the successful hosting of a Korean professional baseball team, the Lotte Giants, for their spring training in February at both the Northern Regional Sports Complex baseball fields in *Dededo* and the Paseo Stadium in *Hagåtña*, and it is currently continuing its recovery and restoration efforts to all its parks and facilities in the wake of the devastating effects caused by Typhoon Mawar; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, DPR reopened the *Dededo* Pool after four (4) years of closure for maintenance and renovation. The Acting Director, Angel Sablan, expressed his vision to refurbish the *Dededo* Sports Complex and enhance the ability to provide state-of-the-art recreational opportunities for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, DPR has also begun a rebranding of its Adopt-A-Park Program to promote stewardship, partnership, and citizenship in managing and maintaining the parks in the Territorial Park System; and the Department is in the process of hiring five (5) new Park Police recruits to expand its corps of officers to maintain safety at all its areas of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Department will be working cooperatively with Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio and the Islandwide Beautification Task Force, and the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) on beautifying and maintaining all of Guam's public parks and facilities for our residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, DPR will also be working collaboratively with the Department of Land Management (DLM), the Guam Veterans Affairs Office (GVAO), the Bureau of Statistics and Plans (BSP), and the Department of Public Works (DPW) on the land registration and expansion of the Vicente A. Limtiaco (*Tiguan*) Memorial Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has introduced Chaise, a police dog whose job is to spread positivity to the island, build trust with the community, and ensure the safety of those who visit the parks, as the mascot for the DPR Park Police; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) on its Forty-ninth (49th) Year Anniversary; and commend DPR for the invaluable services that they provided to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mags'åhagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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2 ***MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***

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4 wide variety of parks, recreation, and historic preservation services for our community;
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7 natural areas, and preserving our island's unique heritage; and

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7 youth, adults, seniors, and challenged individuals; and

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9 and fauna of the island, as our culture and values are rooted in nature and provide a
10 sacred connection to our ancestors; and

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15 slowly evolved to reflect the Spanish concept of public land, where these areas are
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18 adapt and localize different perspectives to continue their traditional concepts, practices,
19 and protocols in the efforts to preserve their culture; and

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21 the preservation of our many historic sites, and acknowledging Guam’s Pre-Contact,
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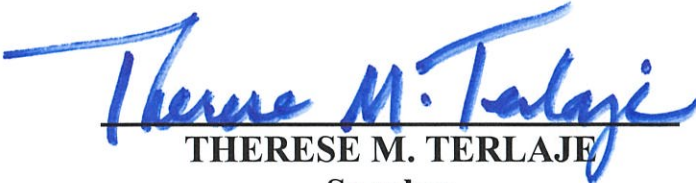
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12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
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15 the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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Speaker


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Chairperson, Committee on Rules


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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| | INITIAL | DATE | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
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| Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson | | | | | |
| Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member | | | | | |
| Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member | <i>Amanda Shelton</i> | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Senator William A. Parkinson Member | | | | | |
| Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Senator Joanne M. Brown Minority Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
| Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member | | | | | |
| Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member | E-Vote | 10/24/2024 | X | | |
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| Sponsor Signature: <i>Amanda Shelton</i> | | | | | |
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| Name: Kaleb Salas | | | | | |
| Date: October 24, 2024 at 4:19 p.m. | | | | | |
| Notes: | | | | | |



Office of Senator

AMANDA L. SHELTON

Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman

Committee on Maritime and Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 37th Guam Legislature

October 15, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

37th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton 

Re: Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 557-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of:

Resolution No. 557-37 (COR) – **Amanda L. Shelton.** – ““Relative to recognizing the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) on its Forty-ninth (49th) Year Anniversary; and commending DPR for the invaluable services that they have provided to the people of Guam.”

The resolution will be presented on **Friday, October 18, 2024, Time is 12:00 P.M., at the Public Hearing room.**

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

