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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Cybersecurity Awareness Month, observed annually in October,
4 was initiated in 2004 through a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of
5 Homeland Security and the National Cybersecurity Alliance to provide Americans with
6 the necessary resources to stay safer and more secure online and to recognize the
7 critical importance of safeguarding our digital world and promoting a culture of
8 cybersecurity awareness and resilience, especially relevant to the unique challenges and
9 opportunities facing Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, since its inception, Cybersecurity Awareness Month has grown
11 exponentially, engaging consumers, small and medium-sized businesses, corporations,
12 educational institutions, young people, and a multitude of industry participants, thereby
13 expanding its reach and impact through grassroots campaigns and the active
14 participation of various stakeholders including college campuses, nonprofits, and other
15 community organizations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, Cybersecurity Awareness Month is instrumental in
2 addressing the island’s unique cybersecurity challenges by promoting workforce
3 development through scholarships, apprenticeships, and targeted training programs for
4 analysts, policy experts, and operations professionals capable of defending against
5 increasingly sophisticated cyber threats, including those employing “living off the land”
6 techniques, thereby fostering a culture of cybersecurity resilience and enhancing
7 Guam’s overall security posture; and

8 **WHEREAS**, although Guam’s geostrategic importance in the Indo-Pacific is
9 historic and increasingly emergent, the island’s critical infrastructure and operational
10 capabilities are vulnerable to a convergence of threats, including escalating geopolitical
11 tensions, increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks, and the intensifying impacts of
12 climate change, which exacerbate the island’s susceptibility to severe natural disasters,
13 evidenced by the devastating effects of Typhoon Mawar in 2023 and the historical
14 record of typhoons impacting the island; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the recent cyberattack during Typhoon Mawar highlighted the
16 critical vulnerabilities in Guam’s cybersecurity infrastructure, underscoring the need for
17 advanced technologies and a highly skilled workforce to defend against sophisticated
18 attacks, including those employing “living off the land” techniques; and

19 **WHEREAS**, addressing these threats requires a multifaceted approach that
20 includes not only technological advancements such as advanced analytics, predictive
21 analytics, and edge computing, but also a significant investment in developing a highly
22 skilled workforce of analysts, policy experts, and operations professionals; and

23 **WHEREAS**, building true resilience requires collaborative partnerships and
24 knowledge sharing, drawing on the wisdom of Guam’s Chamorro heritage and the
25 broader indigenous knowledge from across Micronesia, fostering cooperation with

1 federal and international partners, and leveraging Guam’s diverse strengths to address
2 these complex challenges and build a secure and prosperous future for all; and

3 **WHEREAS**, achieving comprehensive resilience requires seamless
4 collaboration among government agencies at all levels (federal, territorial, and
5 municipal), the private sector, including small, medium-sized, and global enterprises,
6 academic institutions, community organizations, traditional Chamorro and indigenous
7 knowledge holders, and international partners; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Guam is committed to building comprehensive resilience across all
9 sixteen critical infrastructure sectors identified by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure
10 Security Agency (CISA) to withstand and recover from a range of threats, including
11 natural disasters, cyberattacks, and economic shocks, ensuring the safety and well-being
12 of its residents and the continuity of essential services; and

13 **WHEREAS**, particular focus will be placed on enhancing resilience in critical
14 areas such as safe drinking water, electricity and power, telecommunications,
15 emergency services, transportation, healthcare, food and agriculture, financial services,
16 information technology, chemical, hazardous waste, dams, defense industrial base,
17 critical manufacturing, commercial facilities, energy; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s commitment to building resilience across these critical
19 infrastructure sectors is essential to the island’s ability to withstand and recover from a
20 range of threats, ensuring the safety of its residents and continuity of basic services,
21 particularly in areas such as water, power, telecommunications, and emergency
22 communications systems, including AM radio in partnership with FEMA; and

23 **WHEREAS**, proactive cybersecurity measures are essential to protecting critical
24 infrastructure, contributing to regional stability, demonstrating a commitment to
25 national security, and safeguarding digital assets, building a secure future for Guam’s
26 residents; now therefore be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee of Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
3 of Guam, recognize the month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and to
4 commend our Government of Guam agencies and stakeholders in their efforts to ensure
5 our cybersecurity resilience; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
8 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Office of Technology, Guam Homeland
9 Security and the Office of Civil Defense, Guam Power Authority, Guam Waterworks
10 Authority, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, Public Utilities Commission,
11 Guam Chamber of Commerce, Guam Korean Chamber of Commerce, Chinese
12 Chamber of Commerce Guam, the Taiwanese Business Association of Guam, Dr.
13 Roseann Jones, Dean of University of Guam's Business and Public Administration, Dr.
14 Ron McNinch, Chair of University of Guam's Public Administration and Legal Studies,
15 Rear Admiral Gregory C. Huffman, Commander of Joint Region Marianas; and to the
16 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