

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
577-37 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commending PBS GUAM for their services for the island community.	10/29/24 2:55 p.m.	11/2/24 6:00 p.m.	10/31/24 7:15 a.m.					

Resolution No. 577-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Sabina Flores Perez
Chris Barnett	Roy A. B. Quinata
Frank Blas, Jr.	Joe S. San Agustin
Joanne M. Brown	Dwayne T.D. San Nicola
Christopher M. Duenias	Amanda L. Shelton
Thomas J. Fisher	Telo T. Tairagoe
Jesse A. Lujan	Therese M. Terlaje
William A. Parkinson	



Relative to recognizing the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commending PBS GUAM for their services for the island community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, on October 30, 1970, Guam's first and only public television station went on the air as KGTF, later known as PBS GUAM. In 1974, the Twelfth (12th) Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 893 which was signed into law as Public Law 12-194, which created a nonprofit public corporation to operate the television station, KGTF; and the law went into effect on July 1, 1975, creating what is known today as the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (GETC); and

WHEREAS, in 1993, PBS GUAM constructed a new five thousand (5,000) square-foot facility funded entirely through private contributions. In 1997, PBS GUAM won the "Media Representative of the Year" Award, presented by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council for providing production services for the benefit of the disabled community; and in 1999, the station was awarded the "Professional Achievement and Performance" Award - *Setθενten I Kaminidat* by the Micronesia Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, PBS GUAM began the federally-mandated process of digitization with the installation of a digital-ready tower and antenna; and in 2009, KGTF was officially rebranded to PBS GUAM to align with the national PBS; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, PBS GUAM was awarded with a Five Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$500,000) grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the upgrade of its broadcast and on-the-go equipment; and PBS GUAM initiated PBS Kids Carnival, its first-ever live interactive show and festival featuring the stars of the PBS Network Kids daytime lineup; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, PBS GUAM launched PBS Kids 24/7, the second channel for PBS Guam. PBS Kids 24/7 is Guam's only free television channel dedicated to educating children and is broadcast for eighteen (18) full hours every day. PBS LearningMedia was launched in May 2020 as Guam went into its first COVID-19 lockdown. PBS LearningMedia is a free resource for Prekindergarten to Twelfth (12th) Grade educators that supports distance learning and can be accessed by students, teachers, and parents. PBS LearningMedia producers and educators came together to curate a special collection of resources organized by grade and subject area that includes videos, lesson plans, and activities that support learning at home; and

WHEREAS, PBS GUAM recognized the importance of having many educational tools in the home while dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, thus they launched PBS University. PBS University provides students with televised instruction in subject areas such as literacy, mathematics, and character development that supports distance learning throughout Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The program was made possible through a partnership between PBS GUAM and the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Division of Curriculum and Instruction, and it was funded through a grant from the Governor's Education Stabilization Fund (ESF). GDOE and PBS GUAM collaborated with public school teachers to create lessons that students can easily follow, with the aim of helping students to continue their learning at home; and

WHEREAS, PBS University has led to its spinoff, "PBS University Higher Learning" which is aimed at students in secondary education; and PBS University Higher Learning is geared towards fostering critical thinking and engaging in agricultural topics of interest in the hopes of inspiring future farmers in the pursuit of food security for Guam and the Marianas; and this series was also made possible by funding from a grant from the Governor's Education Stabilization Fund (ESF); and

WHEREAS, PBS Guam, under the leadership of General Manager Ina Carillo, was selected to document the Thirtieth (30th) Annual Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2024, providing Guam's community with access to this world-renowned event celebrating Pacific Islander culture and arts. PBS Guam produced extensive multimedia content, including live broadcasts, video streams, social media updates, and articles, while also gathering footage for an episodic docu-series and full-length documentary, showcasing Guam's rich cultural heritage on a global stage; and

WHEREAS, PBS Guam has undertaken a monumental project to preserve Guam's media legacy by partnering with the American Archive of Public Broadcasting (AAPB) to digitize approximately 6,500 tapes and 150 film reels dating from the late 1970s, valued at over \$175,000, which contain invaluable historical and cultural programming. Once digitized, PBS Guam's multimedia archives will be housed at the Library of Congress, making Guam's cultural narratives accessible to regional, national, and international audiences, as well as preserving them for future generations; and

WHEREAS, PBS GUAM's success would not be possible without the people who have played an important role in building PBS GUAM in its fifty-fourth (54th) year of service; and it should be especially noted that the station's outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, since its humble beginnings in 1970, PBS GUAM has been committed to serving the public interest by providing the people of Guam with quality educational and cultural programming and events that is both entertaining and informational. PBS GUAM has always made it their obligation to maintain an honest, professional, and open relationship with the community. In accomplishing this mission, their goal has been one of providing alternatives to current commercial television programming, providing educational assistance to classrooms, and serving the interest not only of the majority, but the minority as well; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary, and commend PBS GUAM for their services for the island community; 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 Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM); and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maysa'ndagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 31ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Alon Capellan Cee 10/31/24 @ 2:50pm

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

Resolution No. 577-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Chris Barnett

Frank Blas, Jr.

Joanne M. Brown

Christopher M. Dueñas

Thomas J. Fisher

Jesse A. Lujan

William A. Parkinson

Sabina Flores Perez

Roy A. B. Quinata

Joe S. San Agustin

Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas

Amanda L. Shelton

Telo T. Taitague

Therese M. Terlaje

Relative to recognizing the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commending PBS GUAM for their services for the island community.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 30, 1970, Guam's first and only public television
4 station went on the air as KGTF, later known as PBS GUAM. In 1974, the Twelfth
5 (12th) Guam Legislature passed Bill No. 893 which was signed into law as Public
6 Law 12-194, which created a nonprofit public corporation to operate the television

1 station, KGTF; and the law went into effect on July 1, 1975, creating what is known
2 today as the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (GETC); and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, PBS GUAM constructed a new five thousand (5,000)
4 square-foot facility funded entirely through private contributions. In 1997, PBS
5 GUAM won the “Media Representative of the Year” Award, presented by the Guam
6 Developmental Disabilities Council for providing production services for the benefit
7 of the disabled community; and in 1999, the station was awarded the “Professional
8 Achievement and Performance” Award - *Setbenten I Kuminidat* by the Micronesia
9 Society of Professional Journalists; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2000, PBS GUAM began the federally-mandated process of
11 digitization with the installation of a digital-ready tower and antenna; and in 2009,
12 KGTF was officially rebranded to PBS GUAM to align with the national PBS; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2019, PBS GUAM was awarded with a Five Hundred
14 Thousand Dollar (\$500,000) grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the
15 upgrade of its broadcast and on-the-go equipment; and PBS GUAM initiated PBS
16 Kids Carnival, its first-ever live interactive show and festival featuring the stars of
17 the PBS Network Kids daytime lineup; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, PBS GUAM launched PBS Kids 24/7, the second
19 channel for PBS Guam. PBS Kids 24/7 is Guam’s only free television channel
20 dedicated to educating children and is broadcast for eighteen (18) full hours every
21 day. PBS LearningMedia was launched in May 2020 as Guam went into its first
22 COVID-19 lockdown. PBS LearningMedia is a free resource for Prekindergarten to
23 Twelfth (12th) Grade educators that supports distance learning and can be accessed
24 by students, teachers, and parents. PBS LearningMedia producers and educators
25 came together to curate a special collection of resources organized by grade and
26 subject area that includes videos, lesson plans, and activities that support learning at
27 home; and

1 **WHEREAS**, PBS GUAM recognized the importance of having many
2 educational tools in the home while dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, thus they
3 launched PBS University. PBS University provides students with televised
4 instruction in subject areas such as literacy, mathematics, and character development
5 that supports distance learning throughout Guam and the Commonwealth of the
6 Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The program was made possible through a
7 partnership between PBS GUAM and the Guam Department of Education (GDOE)
8 Division of Curriculum and Instruction, and it was funded through a grant from the
9 Governor’s Education Stabilization Fund (ESF). GDOE and PBS GUAM
10 collaborated with public school teachers to create lessons that students can easily
11 follow, with the aim of helping students to continue their learning at home; and

12 **WHEREAS**, PBS University has led to its spinoff, “PBS University Higher
13 Learning” which is aimed at students in secondary education; and PBS University
14 Higher Learning is geared towards fostering critical thinking and engaging in
15 agricultural topics of interest in the hopes of inspiring future farmers in the pursuit
16 of food security for Guam and the Marianas; and this series was also made possible
17 by funding from a grant from the Governor’s Education Stabilization Fund (ESF);
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, PBS Guam, under the leadership of General Manager Ina
20 Carillo, was selected to document the Thirteenth (13th) Annual Festival of Pacific
21 Arts and Culture (FestPAC) in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2024, providing Guam’s
22 community with access to this world-renowned event celebrating Pacific Islander
23 culture and arts. PBS Guam produced extensive multimedia content, including live
24 broadcasts, video streams, social media updates, and articles, while also gathering
25 footage for an episodic docu-series and full-length documentary, showcasing
26 Guam’s rich cultural heritage on a global stage; and

1 **WHEREAS**, PBS Guam has undertaken a monumental project to preserve
2 Guam’s media legacy by partnering with the American Archive of Public
3 Broadcasting (AAPB) to digitize approximately 6,500 tapes and 150 film reels
4 dating from the late 1970s, valued at over \$175,000, which contain invaluable
5 historical and cultural programming. Once digitized, PBS Guam’s multimedia
6 archives will be housed at the Library of Congress, making Guam’s cultural
7 narratives accessible to regional, national, and international audiences, as well as
8 preserving them for future generations; and

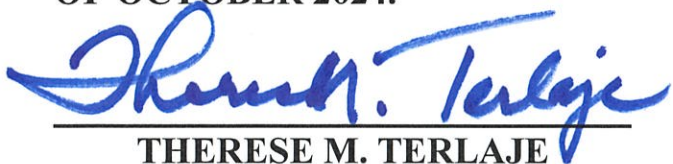
9 **WHEREAS**, PBS GUAM’s success would not be possible without the people
10 who have played an important role in building PBS GUAM in its fifty-fourth (54th)
11 year of service; and it should be especially noted that the station’s outstanding
12 performance; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since its humble beginnings in 1970, PBS GUAM has been
14 committed to serving the public interest by providing the people of Guam with
15 quality educational and cultural programming and events that is both entertaining
16 and informational. PBS GUAM has always made it their obligation to maintain an
17 honest, professional, and open relationship with the community. In accomplishing
18 this mission, their goal has been one of providing alternatives to current commercial
19 television programming, providing educational assistance to classrooms, and
20 serving the interest not only of the majority, but the minority as well; now therefore,
21 be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
23 *Lihe slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe slaturan Guåhan* and the
24 people of Guam, recognize the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation
25 (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commend PBS
26 GUAM for their services for the island community; and be it further


1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
2 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
3 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Educational
4 Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM); and to the Honorable Lourdes A.
5 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 31ST DAY
OF OCTOBER 2024.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE

Speaker



CHRIS BARNETT

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

Resolution No. 577-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commending PBS GUAM for their services for the island community.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		10/30/24	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member					
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
Senator Joanne M. Brown Minority Member					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	e-vote	10/30/24	✓		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature:					
Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>8</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Kaleb Salas					
Date: October 31, 2024 at 7:15 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

October 31, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 577-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join me in presenting **Resolution No. 577-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes. – “Relative to recognizing the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (PBS GUAM) on its Fifty-fourth (54th) Year Anniversary; and commending PBS GUAM for their services for the island community,”**

Presentation will be on November 2, 2024 during the PBS Guam 3rd Annual Gala at the Hyatt Regency Guam which begins at 6pm.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!