



I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Diabetes Association (GDA) is celebrating its 25th
4 Annual Diabetes Conference in 2024 and its partners, including the Guam Nurses
5 Association (GNA), the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS),
6 and the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Organization of Guam (USTAOG), marking
7 a significant milestone in its commitment to improving the health and well-being of the
8 people of Guam, especially those most vulnerable to diabetes and its complications; and

9 **WHEREAS**, this year’s conference theme, “*The Sweet Heart and Brain Teaser*
10 *of Diabetes*,” reflects the complex nature of diabetes management and emphasizes the
11 importance of caring for both the physical and cognitive health impacts of diabetes,
12 recognizing that diabetes affects not only the body but also mental well-being; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Guam Diabetes Association is to improve access
2 to quality care for all, with a focused effort on reaching those most impacted by the
3 burden of diabetes to reduce mortality, morbidity, and healthcare costs associated with
4 uncontrolled diabetes and its related complications; and

5 **WHEREAS**, diabetes continues to be a significant public health challenge for
6 Guam, with prevalence rates that far exceed the national average due to various factors,
7 including genetic predispositions, lifestyle habits, and limited access to healthcare
8 resources in certain areas. As of 2022, the prevalence of type 2 diabetes on Guam is
9 21.6%, compared to 10.8% in the United States (as of 2020), reflecting the urgent need
10 for enhanced diabetes care, education, and prevention efforts on the island; and

11 **WHEREAS**, diabetes-related complications, including heart disease, kidney
12 failure, nerve damage, and vision loss, have a substantial impact on the lives of
13 individuals and families on Guam, often resulting in reduced quality of life and
14 increased healthcare needs. This high prevalence places a significant burden on Guam's
15 healthcare system, as diabetes management costs continue to rise with the growing
16 number of cases; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Diabetes Association has been steadfast in organizing
18 community programs, public education campaigns, and outreach events aimed at
19 increasing diabetes awareness and prevention, helping residents make informed
20 decisions about their health, and facilitating access to essential resources for diabetes
21 management; and

22 **WHEREAS**, through initiatives such as free screenings, counseling, support
23 groups, educational workshops, and collaborations with healthcare providers, the GDA
24 continues to empower individuals to manage their condition effectively and adopt
25 healthier lifestyles; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the GDA's Annual Diabetes Conference has grown over the years
27 into a key gathering of healthcare professionals, diabetes educators, patients, and
28 community leaders, providing a platform to discuss the latest advancements in diabetes
29 care, share best practices, and strengthen Guam's health network; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the conference also serves as an important educational opportunity
2 for healthcare providers on Guam, enabling them to better understand diabetes
3 treatment options and gain insights into the local factors affecting diabetes care on the
4 island, ultimately enhancing the quality of care available to residents; now therefore, be
5 it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
8 Guam Diabetes Association on the occasion of its twenty-fifth (25th) Annual Diabetes
9 Conference; and to commend the Association and its partners—including the Guam
10 Nurses Association (GNA), the Department of Public Health and Social Services
11 (DPHSS), and the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Organization of Guam
12 (USTAOG)—for their dedicated efforts in promoting diabetes awareness, education,
13 and access to quality care for Guam’s communities most impacted by diabetes; and be
14 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 the Guam Diabetes Association, the Guam Nurses
18 Association, the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and to the University
19 of Santo Tomas Alumni Organization of Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
20 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
NOVEMBER 2024.**