


I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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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**, the Toys for Tots Campaign dates all the way back to 1947
4 originating in Los Angeles, California, by Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks,
5 who was instructed by his wife, Diane to deliver handcrafted dolls to an organization
6 that supports children in need. When he was unable to find such an organization, she
7 instructed him to create one. That same year, Major Hendricks and the Marines of his
8 reserve unit collected and distributed five thousand (5,000) toys into the community.
9 The following year, after such a successful event, the Commandant directed all Marine
10 Reserve Sites to implement a Toys for Tots Campaign transforming it into a national
11 community call to action; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Toys for Tots Campaign made its debut in Guam in 2009,
13 continuously hosting successful campaigns, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program

1 is currently in its fifteenth (15th) year on the island. Concurrently, the program will be
2 hosting its eighth (8th) year in Saipan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program has
4 evolved to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to children in need
5 during Christmas. As the spirit of giving is a tradition deeply rooted into the culture of
6 Guam, the ultimate success of the program’s goal of bringing the joy of Christmas to
7 children in need relies on the generosity and support of the local community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is organized, coordinated,
9 and managed by the Marines of Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz and this year, more than
10 seventy (70) businesses and organizations served as collection points for the drive.
11 Organizers, volunteers, and donors for the campaign work hard to ensure that each child
12 has the opportunity to experience the joy of receiving a gift during the holidays; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program collected almost
14 twelve thousand (12,000) toys, stocking stuffers, and books in Guam and by the end of
15 the campaign approximately sixteen thousand, five hundred (16,500) items were
16 distributed throughout Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

17 **WHEREAS**, local organizations who receive toys from the Marine Corps Toys
18 for Tots Program include Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, *Mañe’lu*, Guam
19 Memorial Hospital, and Harvest House, who all serve children of communities facing
20 barriers; now therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
23 Marines of Marine Corps Camp Blaz for their unwavering efforts and contributions to
24 fifteen (15) successful years of Toys for Tots Campaigns and furthermore commend
25 them for the efforts to spread joy throughout the holidays, to all children in need in
26 Guam and throughout the Marianas; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Marines of Marine Corps Camp Blaz; and to
4 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 MONTH 2024.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary