















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

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* takes great pride in recognizing the lives**
4 **and achievements of distinguished individuals who have dedicated themselves to**

1 serving the best interests of our island community and meeting the needs of our people;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, in keeping with its long-standing traditions of honoring exemplary
4 service, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is proud to commend and celebrate the Honorable
5 Mayor Melissa B. Savares; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Melissa B. Savares has served the people of Guam
7 with distinction and unwavering commitment, having been first elected as Mayor of
8 *Dededu* in November 2004; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Savares is the mother of Jonathan (Maxine), Toby, Daniel
10 (Xaiden, Xai'rie, Kai and Haven), and Matthew; the daughter of Jose G. and Oliva B.
11 Savares; and she is the granddaughter of former *Dededu* Commissioner Vicente S.A.
12 Benavente and Josefina Perez Benavente; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Savares attended Santa Barbara Catholic School, Wettengel
14 Elementary School, and Notre Dame Catholic High School, and worked for Mac's
15 Specialized Services and the Department of Education at Maria A. Ulloa Elementary
16 School, B.P. Carbullido Elementary School, and the Department of Education
17 Maintenance Division; and

18 **WHEREAS**, she served as the Vice Mayor of *Dededu* from January 2001 to
19 December 2004, during which time she also served as the Secretary of the Mayors'
20 Council of Guam from January 2002 to December 2003; and

21 **WHEREAS**, upon her election as Mayor of *Dededu* in November 2004, she
22 further distinguished herself through her service as President of the Mayors' Council of
23 Guam from January 2007 to January 2008, January 2010 to January 2013, and January
24 2018 to December 2020, and as President of the Association of Mayors, Vice Mayors,
25 and Elected Council Members - Association of Mariana Islands' Mayors (AMIM) in
26 February 2008, and is the MCOG representative to the Guam Department of Education

1 (GDOE) Board and in October 2022 was awarded the National Association of School
2 Board of Education (NASBE) Friends in Education Award; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Savares has been a dedicated member of the Guam
4 Community Health Centers Board from 2006 to the present, a Commissioner on the
5 Serve Guam Commission-AmeriCorps Program from 2007 to the present, a Board
6 member of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA) from 2015
7 to 2017, and has served on the Project Bisita Community Advisory Board, the Civilian-
8 Military Task Force from 2007 to 2010, and the Liberation Day Executive Committee
9 from the 69th to the 75th celebrations, as well as the Liberation Day Queen’s Parade
10 Co-Chairperson, a participant of the Mayors’ Institute on City Design in Honolulu in
11 August 2022 at the University of Hawaii Manoa; and

12 **WHEREAS**, her contributions extend to hosting the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts
13 Performing Arts in *Dededu*, and her volunteer efforts include working with the Ronald
14 McDonald House – Hawaii, American Cancer Society – Guam Chapter, UOG 4-H
15 Program, Santa Barbara Parish Altar Servers, Dededo Soccer Club, the Maria Ulloa
16 Elementary School PTA, and serving as a Community Advisory Board member at the
17 Guam Regional Medical Center; and

18 **WHEREAS**, during her leadership, the *Dededu* Municipal Planning Council has
19 sponsored many youth sports teams, the Youth Drug-Free Summer Basketball League,
20 Student Robotics and Real World Design Challenge, and the Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco-
21 Free Summer Program; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Savares has enhanced community partnerships for tutoring
23 and mentoring for youths and their families with Sanctuary Inc. at the Astumbo Senior
24 Citizen Center, *Pa’a Taotao Tano Gumas – Taotao Lagu Fuetsan Acho’ Latte*, Guam
25 Community College Adult High School Program at the Astumbo Senior Citizen Center,
26 WestCare THRIVE Coalition for Youth Prevention Programs, Dededo Aerobics Club,

1 Island Girl Power – *Ayuda* Foundation, Dededo Veterans Organization – Memorial
2 Park, and various Zumba Guam Cancer Care fitness programs; and

3 **WHEREAS**, she has also partnered with the Guam Farmers Coop and GEDA to
4 construct a new and safer facility for the Jose A. Rivera MarketPlace (aka: Farmers’
5 Co-op); and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Savares continues to partner with agencies such as Guam
7 Housing and Urban Renewal Authority for the renovations and restorations of facilities
8 for youths, families, and the *manâmkö*’; with Guam Housing Corporation to restore
9 abandoned homes to become affordable living spaces for families; with the Department
10 of Public Works to address road repairs and restoration; with the Guam Police
11 Department on the Neighborhood Watch Program; and with the Department of Public
12 Health and Social Services Senior Citizen Section to support programs for the
13 *manâmkö*’ at the Dededo Astumbo Senior Citizen Centers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Savares is an avid recycler and encourages all partners to
15 Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, and she thanks God every day for allowing her to serve
16 her community in good health and peace; and

17 **WHEREAS**, under her nearly twenty (20) years of public service, Mayor
18 Savares has earned the respect and admiration of her peers, colleagues, and the residents
19 of *Dededu* for her dedication, integrity, and tireless work ethic; and

20 **WHEREAS**, as she retires from public service, Mayor Savares leaves behind a
21 legacy of leadership, community empowerment, and public service that will continue
22 to inspire future generations of public servants; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the people of *Dededu* and the island of Guam owe a debt of
24 gratitude to Mayor Savares for her nearly two decades of selfless service and her
25 unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents; now,
26 therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
3 dedication and contributions of the Honorable Mayor Melissa B. Savares to the
4 community residents of the municipality of *Dededu~Dededo*; and to congratulate her
5 on the occasion of her retirement and for her nearly twenty (20) years of public service
6 to the people of Guam; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
8 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
9 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Mayor Melissa B. Savares; and to
10 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 NOVEMBER 2024.**