

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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605-37 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing the dedication and contributions of the Honorable Mayor Paul M. McDonald to the community residents of the municipality of <i>Tutuhan</i> ~Agana Heights; and commend him for his years of exemplary and dedicated service to the people of Agana Heights and Guam.	12/10/24 8:00 a.m.	TBA						

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the dedication and contributions of the Honorable Mayor Paul M. McDonald to the community residents of the municipality of Tutuhan~Agana Heights; and commend him for his years of exemplary and dedicated service to the people of Agana Heights and Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*** takes great pride in recognizing the lives
4 and achievements of distinguished individuals who have dedicated themselves to
5 serving the best interests of our island community and meeting the needs of our people;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** in keeping with its long-standing traditions of honoring exemplary
8 service, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* is proud to commend and celebrate the Honorable
9 Mayor Paul M. McDonald; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Honorable Paul M. McDonald, born and raised in the village of
11 Agana Heights, has dedicated his life to serving the residents of his beloved village,
12 now completing an unprecedented eighth (8th) term as Mayor of Agana Heights, which
13 he has led since 1993; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Mayor McDonald is the fifth (5th) of twelve (12) children of
15 †Charles H. and Lucia Garcia McDonald, and is married to Elaine M. Zanoni, the

1 daughter of †Leo P. and †Lourdes Gogue Ceraos. Together, they have three children:
2 Eugene, Yvette, and Stacy; and

3 **WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Mayor McDonald has demonstrated an
4 unwavering commitment to public service, holding leadership positions such as
5 President and Vice President of the Agana Heights Elementary School Parent-Teacher
6 Organization (PTO), President of the Agana Heights Blues Association, Guam Youth
7 Congress Representative for Agana Heights, and manager and coach for Agana Heights
8 baseball teams. He has also served on the boards of the Guam Visitors Bureau and
9 Guam Shipyard, dedicating over ten (10) years to the latter; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mayor McDonald’s leadership extends to regional and national
11 levels, serving for nineteen (19) years as President of the Association of Pacific Island
12 Local Governments (APILG) and nine (9) terms as President of the Mayors’ Council of
13 Guam (MCOG), championing collaborative initiatives that uplift local communities;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Mayor McDonald began his career as a graduate of the U.S. Navy
16 Apprenticeship School, rising to the position of Planner and Estimator at the Ship
17 Repair Facility (SRF). As President of the American Federation of Government
18 Employees (Local 1689), he became the youngest union president nationwide and
19 played a critical role in seeking compensation for asbestos-related incidents; and

20 **WHEREAS**, as Mayor, Paul M. McDonald has spearheaded numerous
21 initiatives and programs to enhance the quality of life for Agana Heights residents,
22 including organizing sports leagues, youth programs such as “*Fun in the Sun*,” “*After*
23 *School Hours*,” “*Youths for Hire*,” and summer employment opportunities, as well as
24 educational initiatives like the Guam Community College Neighborhood GED
25 Program. His dedication is exemplified by the establishment of the longest-running (27
26 years) and largest (91 teams) softball league in Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mayor McDonald has proven to be a community builder, fostering
2 partnerships to implement projects such as school and village cleanups, the stray dog
3 control program, and highly anticipated annual events, including the Easter Egg Hunt,
4 Halloween Spooktacular, Agana Heights Fiesta, and Coconut Fair; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Mayor McDonald’s success and enduring leadership are inspired
6 by the values instilled by his late father, Charles H. McDonald, who taught him that
7 hard work and care for others are the foundations of great leadership; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Mayor Paul M. McDonald’s dedication, compassion, and visionary
9 leadership have left an indelible mark on the Municipality of Agana Heights and the
10 island of Guam, earning him the admiration and gratitude of his constituents and peers;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the dedication and contributions of the
14 Honorable Mayor Paul M. McDonald to the community residents of the municipality
15 of *Tutuhan~Agana Heights*; and commend him for his years of exemplary and dedicated
16 service to the people of Agana Heights and Guam; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
18 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
19 Mayor Paul M. McDonald; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I*
20 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.