

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing Daniel “Danny” D. Perez for his exemplary contributions during thirty-two (32) years of service to the Guam Legislature; and commending him for generously sharing his musical skills with the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to recognize the life and
4 accomplishments of distinguished citizens of this great island, and it is the custom of *I*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to commend those who have devoted themselves to faithfully
6 serving the best interests of this community and the needs of its residents; and

7 **WHEREAS**, one such distinguished citizen is Daniel “Danny” D. Perez who has
8 served the people of Guam for thirty-two (32) years with unwavering dedication,
9 professionalism, and commitment, consistently upholding the highest standards of
10 public service in his role as a legislative officer; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Danny was born on February 7, 1953 to the late †Mauro Josephat
12 “*Sofåt*” Martinez Perez and †Agnes Guzman Duenas Perez-Unpingco. He is one (1) of
13 eleven (11) children, Rose Mary “Rosie”, †Joseph, †Anthony “Tony”, Evangeline,
14 Robert, Clarice, Leonora “Nora”, Melchor, Judith “Judy”, and Melissa “Lisa”; and

1 **WHEREAS**, he attended the Academy-Cathedral School, San Vicente Catholic
2 School, and Father Dueñas Memorial School (FDMS), and later transferred to George
3 Washington High School because FDMS did not have a music program; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Danny graduated from George Washington High School in 1971,
5 where he continued his pursuit and passion for music, a talent he nurtured from a very
6 young age; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Danny learned to play the guitar from his father, the late Mauro
8 Josephat “*Sofat*” Perez, a World War II survivor, and together with his brothers and
9 sisters, learned about music by watching and listening to their father’s band as well as
10 other local bands; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1972, Danny, along with his bandmates formed the band the
12 “Kasuals,” playing at hotels around Guam and later relocating to Hawaii; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Kasuals attended an audition in Hawaii, where nearly two
14 dozen bands competed for a full-time club gig at the Waikiki Beachcomber, and they
15 won, showcasing their exceptional musical talent and dedication; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Kasuals captivated audiences at the renowned C’est Si Bon
17 Club in the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii, where they performed for over six (6)
18 years, establishing themselves as the hottest show band in Honolulu and leaving an
19 indelible mark on the island’s vibrant music scene; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Kasuals toured thirty-eight (38) towns and cities across the U.S.
21 mainland and embarked on a successful Micronesia tour, sharing their music with
22 diverse audiences; and

23 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, the band released their debut album “Kasuals,” featuring
24 several songs that hit the top ten song list in Hawaii for over eight (8) weeks, including
25 the iconic “*Songs About Love*,” which became a highlight of Hawaii’s contemporary
26 music scene; and

27 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, the Kasuals were honored with the prestigious *Nā Hōkū*
28 *Hanohano* award for "Most Promising Artists," a testament to their exceptional talent,
29 dedication, and contribution to the music industry; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Danny’s contributions to Guam’s music legacy and his passion for
2 music continue to inspire generations of musicians; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Danny continues to perform on Guam with various bands,
4 frequently donating his musical talents to support war survivor events, the Catholic
5 Church, cultural celebrations, and numerous community initiatives; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Danny is married to Christine Mesa Perez, and together they have
7 two (2) children, Matthew and Andrew, and six (6) grandchildren, whose love and
8 support have been instrumental to his success; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Danny and his wife, Christine, returned to Guam from
10 Hawaii to embark on a new chapter, where he began his career with the Guam
11 Legislature as part of the team under former Senator Herminia D. Dierking in the 21st
12 Guam Legislature~*I Mina'Bente Uno Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*—serving for sixteen
13 (16) terms—thirty-two (32) years, until the 37th Guam Legislature; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Danny also worked closely with the Guam Legislature's Legal
15 Counsels including Attorneys Andrew Gayle, Therese Terlaje, Julian Aguon, Douglas
16 Moylan, Ana Won Pat-Borja and Darleen Hiton, utilizing his expertise to ensure the
17 accuracy and precision of legislative language, thereby upholding the integrity and
18 professionalism of Guam’s legislative process; and

19 **WHEREAS**, throughout his tenure, Danny has been instrumental in ensuring the
20 efficient operation of the legislative process, applying his expertise in legislative
21 procedures, policy analysis, and administrative functions to support the mission of *I*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Danny’s knowledge of legislative rules, decorum, and precedents
24 earned him the respect and trust of senators and colleagues alike, who often relied on
25 his guidance and expertise; and

26 **WHEREAS**, his exceptional talent in editing and refining legislative bills and
27 resolutions ensured the highest level of clarity, accuracy, and professionalism in the
28 form and content of legislative bills and resolutions; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Danny’s extraordinary musical talent have enriched the cultural
2 and musical landscapes of Guam, leaving a legacy of creativity, precision, and
3 dedication that will inspire generations to come; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Danny’s professionalism and exceptional editing skills have set the
5 standard of review for legislative certificates, resolutions and bills as his attention to
6 detail is second to none; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
8 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize Daniel “Danny” D. Perez for his exemplary
9 contributions during thirty-two (32) years of service to the Guam Legislature; and
10 commending him for generously sharing his musical skills with the people of Guam;
11 and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
13 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Daniel “Danny”
14 D. Perez; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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