

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
14-37 (COR)	William A. Parkinson	Relative to requesting <i>I Maga'hagan Guahan</i> to exercise her authority Public Law 110-229 to petition the United States Department of Homeland Security to expand the Guam Visa Waiver Program to include the country of the Philippines.	1/20/23 12:09 p.m.			1/23/23	Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs	2/28/23 2:00 p.m.	3/14/23 9:26 a.m.	
						2/14/23	Re-referred: Author			



Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

March 13, 2023

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje

Speaker

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guahan

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: **The Honorable Chris Barnett** *DB*
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Author's Report on Resolution No. 14-37 (COR) As introduced

Hafa Adai Speaker Terlaje:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the Author's Report on Resolution No. 14-37 (COR) – William A. Parkinson – “Relative to requesting *I Maga'hagan Guahan* to exercise her authority Public Law 110-229 to petition the United States Department of Homeland Security to expand the Guam Visa Waiver Program to include the country of the Philippines.”

Sincerely,

Senator William A. Parkinson
Chairperson



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Received:

March 13, 2023

1:58 p.m.

Joaquin 'Quin' P. Taitague



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AUTHOR'S REPORT

Resolution No. 14-37 (COR)

Introduced by:
William A. Parkinson

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March 13, 2023

MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members
Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

FROM: Senator William A. Parkinson 
Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: Author's Report on Resolution No. 14-37 (COR) As Introduced

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This report includes the following:

- Copy of COR Referral of Resolution No. 14-37 (COR)
- Copy of COR Re-Referral of the Resolution No. 14-37 (COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Agenda
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Author's Report Digest
- Resolution No. 14-37 (COR), As Introduced

Please take the appropriate action on the attached vote sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Si Yu’os ma’åse’!



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

January 23, 2023

To: **Rennae Vanessa C. Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Darleen Hiton
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: **Senator Chris Barnett** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Referral of Resolution No. 14-37 (COR)**

Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules and subject to §§ 7.03(e), and, 7.04(b) Rule VII of our Standing Rules, and 2 GCA § 2103(b), I am forwarding the referral of [Resolution No. 14-37 \(COR\)](#) – William A. Parkinson – “Relative to requesting *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* to exercise her authority Public Law 110-229 to petition the United States Department of Homeland Security to expand the Guam Visa Waiver Program to include the country of the Philippines.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Hagåtña Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs, chaired by Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes. I also request that the same be forwarded to the Prime Sponsor of the subject resolution and to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

A copy of the resolution is available on our legislative website <https://guamlegislature.com/index/37th-guam-legislature-resolutions/>.





COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson
I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
37th Guam Legislature

February 14, 2023

To: **RennaeVanessa C. Meno**
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Attorney Darleen Hiton
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From: **Senator Chris Barnett** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: **Re-Referral of Resolution No. 14-37 (COR)**

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Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media

FROM: Senator William M. Parkinson

SUBJECT: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing: Tuesday – February 28, 2023 at 2:00PM.

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Senator William A. Parkinson

Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance

If you are interested in participating in the Public Hearing to provide testimony, please contact the Office of Senator William A. Parkinson via electronic mail at senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org or call 671-989-1101 no later than **February 27, 2023** for guidance.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring assistance or accommodations should contact the Office of Senator William A. Parkinson at 671-989-1101 or email at senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org.

The hearing will broadcast on local television, GTA Channel 121, Docomo Channel 117, and stream online via *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* live feed on YouTube. A recording of the hearing will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the hearing.

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We are looking forward to your participation!

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Senator William A. Parkinson
Chairperson



Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing: Tuesday – February 28, 2023 at 2:00PM.

2 messages

Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 10:50 AM

To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org

Bcc: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>, Keith Taliugyan <keith@parkinsonforguam.com>

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Keith Taliugyan
Committee Director



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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>
To: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 10:54 AM

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Edward S. Pocaigue, Jr.
Sergeant at Arms

37th Guam Legislature
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Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 2:37 PM

To: av@guamlegislature.org

Cc: 37th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.org>

Bcc: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>, Keith Taliugyan <keith@parkinsonforguam.com>

Hafa Adai, AV and COR.

The Office of Senator William A. Parkinson requested for this **First Notice of Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing** to be uploaded to the 37th Guam Legislature TV Channel.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media

FROM: Senator William M. Parkinson

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Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

To: l.sablan@gpagwa.com

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 4:19 PM

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Respectfully,

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Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

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2 messages

Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>
To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org
Bcc: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 11:14 AM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February 22, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media

FROM: Senator William M. Parkinson

SUBJECT: ~~RESCIND AND REPLACE: FIRST NOTICE of Public Hearing and Oversight Hearing: Tuesday – February 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.~~

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Ed Pocaigue <sgtarms@guamlegislature.org>
To: Senator Will Parkinson <senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org>

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 11:18 AM

Hafa Adai=)

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Cc: 37th Committee On Rules <committeeonrules@guamlegislature.org>

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 **Posted on:** 02/24/2023 08:50 AM

 **Posted by:** Keith Taliugyan

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TO: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders and Media

FROM: Senator William M. Parkinson

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AGENDA: 2:00 PM.

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AUTHOR'S REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 14-37 (COR) was introduced on January 20, 2023, by William A. Parkinson. The Resolution was referred by the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Human Resources, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Regional Affairs, Public Libraries, Telecommunications, Technology and Federal and Foreign Affairs on January 23, 2023; and subsequently Re-Referred to the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance on February 14, 2023.

The Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance, convened a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 2:00 pm in *I Liheslatura*'s Congress Building in the Public Hearing Room. The Public Hearing for Resolution 14-37 (COR) began at 2:01 p.m. and adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Public Notice Requirement:

In accordance with the Open Government Law, public notices for the Public Hearing were disseminated via electronic mail to all senators and all main media outlets on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 (5-day Notice)** and again on **Friday, February 24, 2023 (48-hour Notice)**.

Senators Present:

**Senator William A. Parkinson – Committee
Chairperson Senator Joanne M. Brown – Legislative
Member Senator Jesse A. Lujan – Committee Member**

Appeared Before the Committee

N/A

Submitted Written Testimony

N/A

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

The Public Hearing was called to order at **2:01 PM.**

Senator William A. Parkinson, Chairman: *Håfa Adai* and good afternoon to you and the people of Guam. This public hearing will be conducted by myself, Senator William A. Parkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance. This public hearing is called to order, and the time is 2:01.

For the record and to comply with the open government law, notice of this hearing was disseminated to all local media outlets on February 21, 2023, and the second notice was also shared to all local media on February 24, 2023. Notice of this hearing was also posted and available on the Guam Legislature's website and the Government of Guam Public Notice Portal.

This afternoon, the Committee will hear testimony on Resolution No. 14-37, relative to requesting the *I Maga'hagan Guahan* to exercise her Authority public law 110-229 to petition the United States Department of Homeland Security to expand the Guam Visa waiver program to include the country of the Philippines, introduced by myself, Senator William A. Parkinson.

I would like to welcome my colleagues who are joining us here today. We will now proceed with discussions on Resolution No. 14-37, which I'll give my opening statement as the prime sponsor of this resolution.

Federal Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, states that the Governor has the authority to petition the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to expand the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program to include the Philippines.

It states that: The Secretary of Homeland Security, may waive visa requirements in the case of an alien applying for admission as a non-immigrant visitor for business or pleasure and solely for entry into and stay in Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for a period not to exceed 45 days, if the Secretary of Homeland Security, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of State, the Governor of Guam and the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, determines that-- (1) an adequate arrival and departure control system has been developed in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and (2) such a waiver does not represent a threat to the welfare, safety, or security of the United States or its territories and commonwealths.

Pursuant to the authorities granted in this federal law, Resolution 14-37 seeks to give support to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero in her continuing efforts for a Guam-Philippine visa waiver program. In October 2022, Governor Leon Guerrero met with officials from the United States Department of State in the U.S. Embassy in Manila as well as with officials with the Department of Defense where she renewed efforts for a Guam-Philippine Visa Waiver Program.

This resolution would lend support to that effort and affirm the Legislature's continued determination for a Guam-Philippine Visa Waiver Program.

GVB President Carl Gutierrez has stressed the need for a Filipino tourist visa waiver to further the economic recovery efforts from the pandemic. The Philippines is the fifth largest source of tourists for Guam and those numbers could be greatly improved. With a burgeoning middle class and a fast growing economy, the Philippines is poised to be a beneficial tourism market for Guam. And with many people on Guam having strong ties to the Philippines, the visa waiver would draw tourists looking to visit family on Guam.

Statistics from the Government of the Philippines shows that 4.3 million tourists from the Philippines travel outside of the country each year for pleasure or business. A Philippine Visa waiver would bolster our tourism recovery and encourage trade and investment from the Philippines. This would create more jobs and business opportunities for our local people.

According to the GVB's preliminary January visitor arrival numbers, we received 39,633 tourists from Korea in January, 4,806 tourists from Japan and 1,192 tourists from the Philippines. With Japan's numbers slow to improve, it is important that we continue to drive growth in other markets like the Philippines to maintain our economic recovery and support our tourism industry.

For the Filipino community that lives here on Guam, it has long been a wish that members of their family can visit them here so they can spend quality time with them; and the visa requirement has proven a barrier to this for so many families. My fellow Filipinos on Guam know Ang pagbisita sa pamilya ay isang napakahalagang bahagi ng ating buhay.

Spending time with family is one of the most valuable things in life. Seeing our loved ones gives us the strength and perseverance to face the challenges that come our way.

I've received numerous messages from people in our community who just want to show their family around the island. One person said he wanted to show his grandmother in the Philippines the house he built here on Guam, and show her the love and hospitality that she showed to him growing up, show her Ypao beach where he takes his kids to play and let his kids have memories with their great-grandmother here on Guam. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I urge my colleagues to support this Resolution, and now I'd like to welcome my colleagues Senator Jesse Lujan and Senator Joanne Brown. Thank you for coming today. We will now hear testimony from those who joined us today. I will call on individuals based on how the names appear in order on the sign-in sheets. Anyone that would like to give their public testimony today? Alright. Now, I'll open the floor for my colleague to ask questions or make statements if they would like. Senator Lujan.

Senator Lujan: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate that and I would love to be a co-sponsor for your bill as well.

Chairman Parkinson: Absolutely.

Senator Lujan: Thank you very much. You know, we've been down this road before as well you know, and we're hoping this passes as it stands, but I know Senator Brown and I are here ready to be able to strengthen it should it need strengthening. You know, in regard to that, we're all here for a Philippine Visa waiver. I forgot to say *magandang hapon sa inyong lahat*.

Chairman Parkinson: *Salamat po.*

Senator Lujan: So, we both married a Filipina, and all the testimony you put forth in regards to the proximity to the Philippines, it's about time, it's due time. One of the things that I asked the Admiral, I know in our meeting– I think you were present at that meeting– about a little over a month ago. At one point, a security concern or a great concern in regards to a waiver, but the Admiral at that time assured us, or not necessarily the Admiral. It was their expert there. I don't know what they call them in military terms, but they were experts. They're the ones advising the military in regards to these hot spots and all that and said that the

Philippines are no longer a an area of concern in regards to terrorists, and the renewed energized agreement between the BBM, Bongbong Marcos, which is the new president, and they come in the United States has again re-activated the closer Alliance between the two countries.

That being said, again you know there are not a lot of military installations being erected over there with big help from the U.S military. So, those are concerns and years past regarding security concerns have been laid to rest, in regard to what has happened and what is currently going on now and the closer Alliance that we have with the Philippines with that. So, that being said, it's long overdue for such a situation and I know at times because even in the very beginning before I married my wife, we went to the U.S embassy and she got a Guam only Philippine Visa waiver, a one-time shot.

So, people are getting not a Visa waiver got a Visa I'm sorry got a Visa for a Guam only Visa not necessarily outside of outside of Guam, but they do most especially the ones who are never or have never left the Philippines and are wanting to come to Guam I think their initial visit to the Embassy they're given a Guam only Visa.

So, that being said you know there's presidents being said with that and just to waive that ability because you there's stringent things that people have to go to go through to be able to just come to Guam at the United States and one of course the situations is the overstay, but Guam if you over stable I know where you're at so anyway that being said it's long overdue I know there's been legislators in the past I had a resolution back in the 27th Guam legislature as well regarding this I was I was able to bring to back then to president Gloria Arroyo with that.

So, unfortunately, he didn't. It didn't go anywhere hopefully with this resolution and again if it needs strengthening, we're here to do all that. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Chairman Parkinson: Thank you Senator Lujan, Senator Brown if you'd like to give some comments.

Senator Brown: Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman and certainly, as Senator Lujan had mentioned this has been a continued initiative, but you know don't make things and you don't make things happen or change unless you take the initiative. We have many friends and family from the Philippines and also travel back and forth for vacation a lot for health care. A lot of our people go to the Philippines for health care and also the opportunity, I mean there's much to gain for Guam as well

having our neighbors in the Philippines come to Guam to shop to spend time here in our community and exchange a lot of cultural similarities that we have.

So, there's much to gain and you know, Senator Lujan also touched just on the bigger world picture with what's going on in the Indo-pacific. I mean it's certainly much more in our interest to continue to strengthen our alliances with our allies in the region especially because we know about the growing threats that are happening particularly with China.

So, we have a lot to gain by our unified presence and engagement and I think the opportunity to be able to travel to and from for also for our Guam residents to travel on a regular basis as many do and also for our Philippine neighbors to come to Guam to visit to meet with family and friends and certainly to enjoy our hospitality as well there's much we have mutual benefits to gain by this proposal in this Resolution 14-37. So, we certainly support your initiative and thank you for taking it and thank you for the opportunity to comment with regards to this resolution.

Chairman Parkinson: Thank you Senator Joanne Brown, and my colleague Senator Lujan. I will make sure to do what I can to amend the resolution so we can get you guys as co-sponsor. I'd like to thank you both for your support. I think it's important to show the island that this is a bipartisan effort and not driven by any single party or ideology because we are all one Guam.

If there are no further questions or comments this concludes our discussion on Resolution No. 14-37, the Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance will continue to accept written testimony on today's hearing within ten business days from today, which can be mailed to my office at 238 Archbishop Flores Street, Suite 905 of the DNA building in *Hagåtña*. You may send your written testimony to my office via email: senatorparkinson@guamlegislature.org. Thank you all for your participation. This public hearing is adjourned, and the time is now 2:13.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Fire, Agriculture, Power and Energy Utilities, Public Transit, Unemployment Insurance and Universal Health Insurance hereby report out **Resolution No. 14-37 (COR)** – “Relative to requesting *I Maga’hagan Guahan* to exercise her authority Public Law 110-229 to petition the United States Department

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson 

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

3 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guahan*** recognizes that *I Maga'hagan Guahan*
4 under Public Law 110-229, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008, has the
5 authority to petition the US Department of Homeland Security to expand the Guam-
6 CNMI Visa Waiver Program to include the country of the Philippines; and

7 **WHEREAS, *I Liheslaturan Guahan*** further recognizes that the Philippines was
8 not initially included in the original approved countries due to various factors in the
9 Department of Homeland Security's analysis at that time; and

10 **WHEREAS, in the approximately fifteen years since many changes have**
11 **occurred within the Philippines that warrant reconsideration. The Philippines is now the**

1 39th largest economy in the world, with a burgeoning middle class, and with a gross
2 domestic product of \$314 Billion according to recent figures from the World Bank; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Philippines has seen over time significant decreases in the visa
4 rejection rates, with the adjusted refusal rate for B-visas being 32.49% in 2020;

5 **WHEREAS**, the World Bank also noted that in 2018, the middle class in the
6 Philippines had expanded to nearly 12 million people and the economically secure
7 population had risen to 44 million. Studies also show that 60% of Filipinos aged 15
8 and over have vacationed, with a growing demand for international vacations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Guam economy has been trying to recover from the loss of
10 tourism experienced in the COVID-19 Pandemic which had the island's tourism market
11 go from 1.6 million a year to nearly zero during the start of the pandemic, with the
12 Guam Visitors Bureau recording 216,916 tourists in 2022; therefore be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam recognize and
14 support the need for a Guam-CNMI visa waiver for the Philippines to grow our base of
15 tourism, help boost our economic recovery and capture more of the growing tourism
16 market from the Philippines and support the Governor in petitioning the Department of
17 Homeland Security to include them in the Guam visa waiver program; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules
19 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
20 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, United
21 States Department of Homeland Security; Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam Delegate
22 to the US Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan*
23 *Guahan*.

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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF .**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS “MALAFUNKSHUN” BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary