

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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**Relative to supporting Guam's application for membership to the
Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO).**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Unrepresented Peoples and Nations Organization (UNPO) is an
4 international membership-based organization established to empower the voices of
5 unrepresented and marginalized peoples worldwide and to protect their fundamental
6 human rights; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the UNPO was conceived of in the late 1980s by exiled leaders of
9 people living under communist oppression, and

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11 **WHEREAS**, The UNPO was formally founded in February 1991 at the Peace
12 Palace in The Hague, by representatives of movements belonging to Australian
13 Aborigines, Armenia, Crimean Tatars, Cordillera, East Turkestan, Estonia, Georgia,
14 the Greek Minority in Albania, Kurdistan, Latvia, Palau, Tibet, Taiwan, Tatarstan and
15 West Papua. They were joined just a few months later by representatives from

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1 Abkhazia, Aceh, Assyria, the Chittagong Hill Tracts, South Moluccas, Bougainville,
2 Chechnya, Kosova, Zanzibar, and the Mairi and Iraqi Turkmen people; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Since then, UNPO's membership has grown steadily from its
5 original founders, with membership from more than 45 peoples worldwide, comprising
6 over 300 million people lacking true representation in domestic or international forums;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Since its founding, many members have achieved their movement's
9 goals and found a formal seat for their people at the national or international level and
10 have thus left the organization as their peoples are no longer considered to be
11 "unrepresented" – including the Republic of Palau; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the UNPO serves as a forum, and advocacy group for groups that
14 have been disenfranchised; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the UNPO membership, comprised of Indigenous Communities,
17 Occupied Territories, Unrecognized States, and Minorities, came together to protect the
18 equal right of all peoples to self-determination, adhere to internationally-accepted
19 human rights standards, adhere to the principles of democratic pluralism and rejection
20 of intolerance, promote non-violence and the rejection of terrorism and violence as
21 instruments of policy as well as the protection of the natural environment; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, Guam is a territory of the United States, with no vote in Congress,
24 and her People have systematically been denied their right to vote for their President;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS**, since the beginning of the relationship with the United States, the
2 People of Guam have never been given the ability to voice their opinion, or make a
3 decision; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, Guam, through its Legislature, based on the policies it has put forth,
6 has upheld the principles of the UNPO covenant, this includes the equal right of all
7 peoples to self-determination, adherence to internationally-accepted human rights
8 standards, adherence to the principles of democratic pluralism and rejection of
9 intolerance, promoting non-violence and the rejection of terrorism and violence as
10 instruments of policy as well as the protection of the natural environment; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, for over a decade, the People of Guam have appealed to the United
13 Nations to intervene and protect the fundamental rights of the People of Guam – to date
14 there has been no reprieve; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, Guam is not the only place where the United States asserts its
17 dominance over a locality and prohibits their participation in the democratic process;
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19 **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia is also a member of the UNPO, and
20 actively fighting for equal representation is the United States Congress as well; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Guam can additionally benefit from its membership to the UNPO
23 be having a seat on the international stage, and access to global bodies that are mandated
24 to defend our rights; now therefore, be it

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
2 recognize the struggles of the People of Guam and further urges the Speaker of the
3 Legislature, and the Chairwoman on the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs to
4 work with the UNPO to cement Guam's status as a UNPO member; and be it further

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6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
7 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
8 Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2019.

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary