

**I MINA TRENTAI SAJS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 63-36 (COR)

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Relative to respectfully requesting the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen's Co-op Facility and the correlating expansion of Guam's community fishing industry.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** tourism is Guam's single largest industry, generating \$1.4 billion
4 annually, representing sixty percent (60%) of Guam's annual business revenue and
5 employing over 18,000 island residents, which is thirty one percent (31%) of non-
6 federal employment; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the arrival of COVID-19 on the island has decimated the tourism
2 industry, causing economic instability and leaving Guam to suffer the consequences
3 more deeply than other states and territories with more diversified economies,
4 emphasizing the fact that Guam can no longer be dependent on a single economic
5 strategy; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Guam business and government leaders have been in continuous
7 discussions on ways to diversify the local economy as we emerge from the devastations
8 of the pandemic to be prepared for future economic disruptions; and *I Liheslaturan*
9 *Guåhan* and the community of Guam have long recognized that the Guam Fishermen’s
10 Co-op, managed by the community nonprofit Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative
11 Association, is one of the pillars of Guam’s economic strategy for sustainability, which
12 is especially crucial as Guam continues to diversify from a vulnerable tourism industry;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, in addition to food sustainability and the economic benefits of an
15 expanded fishing industry, renovation and expansion of the Fishermen’s Co-op facility
16 will foster increased inter-island commerce and tourism throughout the Marianas
17 archipelago. The Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association specializes in the sale of
18 local seafood caught daily by local fishermen and aims to encourage the island’s
19 younger generations to continue the perpetuation of the local fishing tradition while
20 serving as the center of information on local and federal policies and advocating for
21 policies that support the local fishing community and a deeper understanding of the
22 marine ecosystem that is central to our island community; and

23 **WHEREAS**, for over forty-four (44) years, the Fishermen’s Co-op has been
24 operating out of its *Hagåtña* facility, in desperate need of full renovation from years of
25 wear-and-tear which greatly affect the Co-op’s daily operations, typhoons, and a need
26 to expand capacity. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* had passed laws pre-COVID providing

1 modest funding mechanisms for the refurbishment of the facility; such plans include a
2 restored Fishermen’s Co-op facility and an expansion of a new and safer fueling pier
3 and docks that will be made available to commercial boats that service Guam’s local
4 and tourist water sports activities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, construction of the new Fishermen’s Co-op facility was impeded
6 by major challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic; competition for skilled
7 workers causing an increase in projected costs; compliance with the flood zone
8 regulations, requiring the new facility to be raised five (5) feet above ground level from
9 the original design to comply with codes; and poor soil conditions nearer the sea wall,
10 which is being built to reinforce the shoreline, resulting in a more costly foundation
11 design; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s fisheries operate mostly on a small-scale basis, revealing
13 that this industry is underutilized. The Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association
14 grosses approximately \$1.5 million annually. With the construction of a new and
15 improved facility, there is an opportunity for the development of a Guam longline fleet,
16 and expanded capacity at every level, resulting in community jobs and economic
17 diversity in the heart of Hagatña, Guam’s capital, and throughout the island; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2021, the U.S. House of Representatives
19 Committee on Appropriations announced that it would be accepting Members’ requests
20 for Community Project Funding in appropriation bills for FY 2022 and in the coming
21 weeks, the House Appropriations Committee will provide additional information
22 regarding which accounts and programs will be eligible for Community Project Funding
23 requests and the criteria necessary for consideration in those areas. In addition, the
24 Committee will provide support to members so they can submit strong requests that
25 meet urgent needs in their communities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicolas (D-Guam)
2 intends to request for Community Project Funding in appropriations bills and grants for
3 FY2022 to assist the Guam Fishermen’s Cooperative Association in completing the
4 construction of its new facility and the correlating expansion of our local fishing
5 industry; now, therefore be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
8 of Guam, fully support the renovation and expansion of the Guam Fishermen’s Co-op
9 facilities as fundamental to the development of an expanded fishing industry on Guam,
10 as a critical pillar to the diversification of Guam’s economy and sustainability, and as
11 indispensable to the development of safe, state of the art, ecosystem friendly inter-island
12 marine activities and commerce for our entire community; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, the *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does further
14 respectfully request the United States Congress to support Community Project Funding
15 for the construction of an expanded Guam Fishermen’s Co-op Facility and the
16 correlating expansion of Guam’s community fishing industry in appropriations bills and
17 grants for FY2022 ; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chair of the Committee on Rules certify,
19 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same
20 be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate
21 to U.S. Congress House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
22 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF APRIL 2021.**

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Speaker

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