

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
RESOLUTIONS**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and  
4 the Freely Associated States have a large population of veterans of the U.S. military,  
5 and is reflective of the high enlistment rate of the region's young men and women;  
6 and

1           **WHEREAS**, the region’s high per capita enlistment rate is indicative of the  
2 exceptional patriotism and commitment to the defense of the United States, its  
3 territories, and its allies; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a regional Veterans Affairs office in Guam  
5 veterans who currently must travel to Hawaii for services, thereby easing the financial  
6 burden on veterans and their families; and

7           **WHEREAS**, having a regional VA hub in Guam would enable veterans to  
8 receive support from their family and community networks, which is often cost  
9 prohibitive when traveling to Hawaii, thus enhancing the overall support system for  
10 veterans; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the central location of Guam in the Western Pacific makes it a  
12 logical and efficient choice for establishing a regional hub for veterans services,  
13 serving not only Guam but also the CNMI and the Freely Associated States; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the economic, efficiency, and effectiveness benefits of  
15 establishing a regional VA hub in Guam would greatly enhance the services provided  
16 to veterans who have honorably served their country; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Veterans Administration has even set up adjudication services  
18 on non-US soil in the Philippines despite the fact that Guam is the closest American  
19 soil to Asia; and now therefore, be it

20           **WHEREAS**, a proportionally sized regional VA hub in Guam would provide a  
21 greater range of medical support, including the ability to obtain medicines from the  
22 local market, and critical mental health support services that are more effective in  
23 person rather than via virtual platforms. NOW, THEREFORE,

24           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
25 on behalf of the people of Guam request the United States department of Veterans  
26 Affairs to establish a regional office in Guam to serve the needs of veterans in Guam,  
27 the CNMI, and the Freely Associated States; and be it further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to  
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the  
3 Honorable Denis R. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and to the Honorable  
4 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*; the Honorable James C. Moylan,  
5 Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; the Honorable Arnold Palacios  
6 Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Gregorio Camacho Sablan,  
7 Northern Mariana Islands Delegate to the United States Congress; and the Honorable  
8 Wesley Simina, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; Surangel S. Whipps,  
9 Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; and Dr. Hilda C. Heine, President of the  
10 Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary