

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO 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
44-38 (COR)	William A. Parkinson	Relative to posthumously expressing the profound condolences of <i>I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> and the people of Guam upon the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, and recognizing his lifetime of faith, humility, and global moral leadership.	4/22/25 8:00 a.m.	6/25/25	4/29/25 10:43 a.m.					

Resolution No. 44-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson

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

WHEREAS, His Holiness Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the eldest son of Italian immigrants and grew up in a working-class family that instilled in him the values of humility, service, and faith; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1958 and was ordained a priest in 1969, later becoming the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and a Cardinal in 2001, where he earned respect for his simplicity, personal humility, and advocacy for the poor and marginalized; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2013, Cardinal Bergoglio was elected as the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, becoming the first Jesuit, the first from the Americas, and the first non-European pope in over one thousand two hundred (1,200) years, choosing the name Francis after Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of peace and the poor; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis brought to the papacy a spirit of compassion and justice, urging the world to care for the vulnerable, defend the dignity of every human life, and confront global challenges such as poverty, inequality, war, and climate change with moral clarity; and

WHEREAS, he authored landmark encyclicals, including *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), a bold call to environmental stewardship and ecological justice, and *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), which emphasized universal kinship and dialogue across cultures and faiths; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness was a champion for peace, interfaith dialogue, and inclusion, often reaching beyond the traditional boundaries of the Catholic Church to engage with those who felt forgotten, hurt, or excluded by religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, on Guam, where Catholicism was introduced in the 17th century and remains deeply embedded in the island's spiritual, cultural, and civic life, Pope Francis' leadership resonated in powerful ways with families, faith communities, and generations of Catholics on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of *Agaña* has long been a pillar of community life on Guam, with the Church playing a central role in education, public service, and spiritual formation; and the words and actions of Pope Francis provided renewed hope, especially during times of hardship, social unrest, and healing; and

WHEREAS, many on Guam took inspiration from Pope Francis' bold calls for Church reform, accountability, and pastoral care rooted in love, and his repeated affirmations that "the Church is a field hospital" - a place of comfort, not condemnation; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis' global presence was felt even locally, from prayers said at Catholic Churches to the aspirations of Guam's youth and elders alike, who looked to him as a moral compass and a humble example of servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, his passing on Easter Monday, a day symbolic of rebirth, hope, and divine promise, serves as a poignant reminder of the resurrection-centered message that guided his life and papacy; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, posthumously express the profound condolences of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam upon the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, and recognize his lifetime of faith, humility, and global moral leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Apostolic Nunciature to the United States; the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, Vatican City; the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; the family of His Holiness Pope Francis; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



Kenneth W. Wolf

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6/30/28

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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2 ordained a priest in 1969, later becoming the Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and a
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6 of the Roman Catholic Church, becoming the first Jesuit, the first from the Americas, and
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8 name Francis after Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of peace and the poor; and

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12 guided his life and papacy; now therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan*
14 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
15 posthumously express the profound condolences of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan*
16 *Guåhan* and the people of Guam upon the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, and
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18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
19 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
20 same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President
21 of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Apostolic Nunciature to the
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23 Administrator of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; the family of His Holiness Pope Francis; and
24 to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 29TH DAY
OF APRIL 2025.**



Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker



V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 44-38 (COR) – William A. Parkinson – “Relative to posthumously expressing the profound condolences of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam upon the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, and recognizing his lifetime of faith, humility, and global moral leadership.”

	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson					
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Jesse A. Lujan Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Telo T. Taitague Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	E-Vote	4/29/25	X		
For Sponsor's Office Use Only					
Sponsor Signature: <i>WAP</i>					
Staff Contact Person: Lance Galgo					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>9</u> Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Zada Hernandez-Padilla					
Date: April 29, 2025 at 10:43 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of Senator William A. Parkinson

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 38th Guam Legislature

June 25, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators, Stakeholders, and Media

FROM: Senator William A. Parkinson *WAP*

SUBJECT: Notice of Resolution No. 44-38 (COR).

Håfa Adai!

We respectfully inform you of **Resolution No. 44-38 (COR) - William A. Parkinson**. Relative to expressing:

The condolences of I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan and the People of Guam upon the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, and recognizing his lifetime of faith, humility, and global moral leadership.

As part of this solemn tribute, official copies of the resolution will be mailed to:

- His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- The Apostolic Nunciature to the United States
- The Secretariat of State of the Holy See, Vatican City
- The Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Agaña
- The family of His Holiness Pope Francis

This resolution serves as Guam's formal expression of reverence and remembrance for a spiritual leader who inspired the world.