

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
23-38 (COR)	Frank F. Blas, Jr. V. Anthony Ada Shelly V. Calvo	Relative to recognizing Pay-Less Markets Incorporated on their Seventy-Fifth (75th) Anniversary and to commend them for their outstanding service and commitment to the people of Guam.	2/24/25 2:58 p.m.	3/8/25 10:30 a.m.	3/5/25 3:38 p.m.					

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Relative to recognizing Pay-Less Markets, Incorporated on their Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary; and to commending them for their outstanding service and commitment to the people of Guam.

**U MA PRUPONI NI' KUMITEHAN AREKLAMENTON I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

WHEREAS, Ken Jones of Jones & Guerrero (J&G), Inc. established J&G Thrift Market in *Agaña* in March 1950; and changed its name to J&G Pay-Less Supermarkets in 1955. The number of J&G stores would increase to five (5) by 1980; and in 1985, Calvo Enterprises purchased the five (5) J&G Payless Supermarkets and renamed them to Pay-Less Supermarkets, whereby its growth continued over the succeeding decades, as Calvo Enterprises would buy the Safeway Supermarket at the Micronesia Mall, complete the renovations of the *Dededo* Pay-Less, the *Oka* Pay-Less, the *Sinajaña* Pay-Less, and the *Agaña* Pay-Less while new stores were opened in *Yigo*, *Mangilao*, *Sumay*, and *Maiti*; and

WHEREAS, Pay-Less Markets has expanded over the years now operating with a total of eight hundred (800) employees at eight (8) different store locations throughout the island in *Dededo*, *Maiti*, *Mangilao*, Micronesia Mall, *Oka*, *Sinajaña*, *Sumay*, and *Yigo*; a Distribution Center; six (6) SuperDrug Pharmacies; and a Security Service; and

WHEREAS, for the past seventy-five (75) years, Pay-less Markets has become a significant island partner in giving back to our local community. In 2006, the Pay-Less Markets Community Foundation (PMCF) was officially incorporated. The Foundation aims to improve the quality of life of the people of Guam and focuses on the following service areas: health, education, social services, and the environment; and the PMCF established community programs such as the annual *Kick the Fat 5k and 10k Run* which promotes a healthier island and raises money for non-profit organizations. Other programs include *Grant Writing Workshops*, the *Small Change, Big Difference* which fights poverty and hunger, and the *Circle of Care: Cancer Support Programs* which provide a comprehensive program of psycho-oncology support services for the Guam community; and

WHEREAS, the staff and management of Pay-Less Markets have continued to provide assistance in community affairs and civic endeavors, and they have donated money, time, and resources to numerous philanthropic and professional organizations, donating an average of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) each year to our island community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing savings and cheaper alternatives for the community at their stores, Pay-Less Markets has also begun programs such as the *Go Green* campaign and the *Mission: Zero Bags* program to encourage the use of reusable bags to protect the environment and eliminating the use of plastic bags. Pay-Less Markets has also launched programs to provide information to the community with the goal of making healthy choices, such as the *Health Smart* Program led by their Registered Dietitian, and the *eduKitchen* facility which conducts healthy food demonstrations and nutrition and health workshops; and

WHEREAS, Pay-Less Markets has continued to show its commitment and dedication to serving the island community, opening new stores and renovating existing locations, and Pay-Less Markets continues to invest in our community through the opening of PDC Wholesale, which is the Distribution Center of Pay-Less Markets, the PDC's USDA Meat Processing Facility and Banana Ripening Chamber, and PMI Security Solutions, which provides comprehensive security services to businesses across Guam; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff and management of Pay-Less Markets have been instrumental in shaping and strengthening the island's foundation, contributing significantly to its growth and future development; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guáhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* and the people of Guam, recognize Pay-Less Markets, Incorporated on their Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary; and commend them for their outstanding service and commitment to the people of Guam; 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 Pay-Less Markets, Incorporated; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hágan Guáhan*.

NA U INADOPTA GI RIGULAT NU I KUMITEHAN AREKLAMENTON I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN GI DIHA 5 GI MÁTISO, DOS MIT BENTE SINGKO NA SÁKKAN.
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 5TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
I Etnas Ge'helo'
Speaker

V. Anthony Ada
Ge'helo' Rigulát Kumitehan Areklamenton
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Sikritária, Liheslaturan Guáhan
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9 and *Maite*; and

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FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
Legislative Secretary