

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, a visionary leader by the name of Teresa Watkins ignited
4 a transformational movement in Guam's maritime industry. With an unwavering belief
5 in the potential of the island and a deep-rooted commitment to service, Teresa Watkins
6 founded *Cabras Marine Corporation* (CMC). At a time when Guam's maritime
7 infrastructure was still in its infancy and reliable marine services were scarce, Teresa
8 stood boldly at the helm—armed with a single tugboat, a small yet steadfast crew, and
9 a profound dedication to her island home; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Under Teresa Watkins' exceptional guidance, Cabras Marine
11 Corporation evolved from modest beginnings into the foremost maritime enterprise in
12 the Pacific region. What began as a small local operation has blossomed into a
13 diversified company with a fleet comprising twelve (12) tug and offshore supply

1 vessels, seven (7) barges, and six (6) crew boats. Today, CMC employs over 350 highly
2 trained and committed professionals, whose work continues to honor the legacy and
3 excellence, integrity, and resilience that Teresa envisioned from the start, and

4 **WHEREAS**, the mid-1990s marked a pivotal era of growth for CMC, as Teresa
5 Watkins demonstrated both foresight and bold leadership by strategically positioning
6 the company for expansion during a time of transition for Guam’s naval operations. In
7 1996, CMC secured a critical contract with the United States Navy to provide tug
8 services—a historic achievement that not only validated the company’s operational
9 capabilities but also cemented its role as a trusted partner in support of national defense
10 and regional maritime readiness; and

11 **WHEREAS**, by 2011, Cabras Marine Corporation had solidified its status as the
12 largest locally owned maritime service provider in the region. The scale and scope of
13 the company’s operations enabled it to support a wide range of transportation, logistics,
14 and industrial needs across Guam and neighboring Pacific islands. At the core of this
15 success was Teresa Watkins’ leadership, her commitment to cultivating a skilled
16 workforce, and her steadfast belief in empowering local talent: and

17 **WHEREAS**, between 2001 and 2021, Teresa Watkins once again demonstrated
18 her forward-thinking leadership by spearheading a monumental \$10 million investment
19 in infrastructure, resulting in the establishment of the *Pacific Dry-dock and Integrated*
20 *Maintenance (PACDIM)* facility. This strategic expansion enabled CMC to enter the
21 ship repair industry, fostering new economic opportunities for Guam and elevating the
22 island’s industrial capabilities. PACDIM marked a new chapter in the company’s
23 history, reflecting Teresa’s dedication to continuous innovation and her belief in
24 Guam’s potential to serve as a regional maritime hub; and

25 **WHEREAS**, now commemorating its 50th anniversary, Cabras Marine
26 Corporation stands as a testament to Teresa Watkins’ enduring legacy of vision,
27 perseverance, and service. Her pioneering work has not only strengthened the maritime
28 infrastructure of Guam but has also contributed to economic development, workforce
29 training, and regional stability. CMC’s continued commitment to safety, sustainability,

1 and technological advancement reflects the values instilled by its founder—a true
2 matriarch of Guam’s maritime sector; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the People of Guam, recognize Teresa Watkins for her exemplary
5 leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and lifelong contributions to guam’s maritime
6 industry through the founding and expansion of cabras marine corporation, as the
7 company celebrates its 50th anniversary of service to guam and the pacific region; and
8 be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
10 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Teresa Watkins;
11 and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary