


**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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Introduced by:

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Relative to 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.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, His Holiness Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December
4 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the eldest son of Italian immigrants and grew
5 up in a working-class family that instilled in him values of humility, service, and faith; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **WHEREAS**, many on Guam took inspiration from Pope Francis' bold calls for
17 Church reform, accountability, and pastoral care rooted in love, and his repeated
18 affirmations that “the Church is a field hospital” — a place of comfort, not condemnation;
19 and

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

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

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

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
3 same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President
4 of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; The Apostolic Nunciature to the
5 United States; the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, Vatican City; the Apostolic
6 Administrator of the Archdiocese of *Agaña*; to the family of His Holiness Pope Francis;
7 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 DAY
OF APRIL 2025.**

FRANK BLAS JR.
Speaker

V. ANTHONY ADA
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SABRINA S. MATANANE
Legislative Secretary