

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the observance of “National Police Week” during the week of May 11 through May 17, 2025; and commending Guam’s law enforcement officers for their continued heroism, sacrifice, and duty in keeping our island community safe.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the annual observance of “National Police Week” is an
4 opportunity to give honor, remembrance and peer support to all law enforcement
5 officers, while allowing law enforcement personnel, survivors, and citizens to gather
6 and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-
8 726 which designated May 15 as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and the week in
9 which that date falls as “National Police Week”; and

10 **WHEREAS** tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around
11 the world converge on Washington, D.C. to participate in a number of planned events
12 which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate
14 Park of approximately one hundred twenty (120) survivors and supporters of law
15 enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as “National Police

1 Week,” has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and
2 law enforcement officers to the nation’s Capital each year; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the National Peace Officers Memorial Service, which is
4 sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Fraternal Order of Police, is one in a series of
5 events which includes the Candlelight Vigil, which is sponsored by the National Law
6 Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and seminars sponsored by
7 Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.); and

8 **WHEREAS**, members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their
9 duty to serve the people of Guam by safeguarding life and property, protecting against
10 violence and disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak
11 against oppression or intimidation; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the personnel of the Guam Police Department, the Jose D.
13 Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority Police Division, the Antonio B. Won Pat
14 International Airport Authority Police Division, and the Military Police (Military Police
15 Corps, U.S. Air Force Security Forces, Navy’s Masters-At-Arms, Military Police Corps
16 Marine Corps) enforce the laws of our island of Guam, placing their lives at risk daily
17 to ensure that the rights of our island citizens are defended; and

18 **WHEREAS**, with the contribution of our island’s police officers through
19 their dedicated and selfless efforts in enforcing our laws, the men and women of the
20 Guam Police Department, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority
21 Police Division, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority Police
22 Division, and the Military Police value human life, integrity, laws and the Constitution,
23 excellence, accountability, cooperation, and problem-solving; and

24 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers on Guam and across the nation build
25 safer and more secure communities, and we must also recognize the need to ensure that
26 law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, and resources necessary to

1 protect their health and safety while they are protecting the general public, and the
2 civilian men and women who work in these agencies assist Guam’s law enforcement
3 personnel by performing functions in support of uniformed officers; and

4 **WHEREAS**, these values remind our law enforcement officers that the
5 community they serve and protect is built upon the foundation of policies, goals and
6 operations, and fulfilling that mission helps contribute to the quality of life on Guam. It
7 is vital that our local citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, and
8 hazards of Guam’s law enforcement officers; and that government law enforcement
9 agencies and departments recognize their duty to serve the people of Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam join all patriotic, civic, and educational
11 organizations in observing “National Police Week” during the week of May 11 through
12 May 17, 2025, as a time to commemorate all law enforcement officers, past and present,
13 who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities as public safety-first
14 responders have rendered a dedicated service to our island community; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Police Department has collaborated in a variety of
16 impactful initiatives aimed at enhancing community safety, youth engagement, and
17 officer development. These efforts include, but are not limited to, PROJECT U – with
18 notable milestones such as the High School Summer and Christmas Break Programs,
19 the Junior Police Cadet Program, and the Annual Drug-and-Alcohol-Free School
20 Kickball Tournament for elementary school students. Additional programs include
21 Cyber Safety Pasifika Internet Safety, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)
22 Program, and the implementation of critical infrastructure improvements such as the
23 Land Mobile Radio (LMR) network upgrade. The Department has also prioritized
24 community connection through Village Leader Engagement, continued professional
25 development through specialized training including homicide and WSBA training,
26 and the launch of forward-thinking initiatives such as Operation CWeed and the Life

1 Jacket Loaner Station Program; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the professionalism of law enforcement officers, both on the
3 local and federal levels, seeks to display the highest standard of personal and
4 organizational excellence; and their conduct and demeanor are guided by the “Law
5 Enforcement Code of Conduct”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, with respect to our local law enforcement officers, our local
7 community recognizes the authority they hold in keeping Guam safe; and in return, our
8 Guam Police Officers will faithfully and without bias honor their obligations to the
9 community, as Guam continues to depend on our local law enforcement officers who
10 have committed to upholding the public’s trust; now therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
13 of Guam, recognize the observance of “National Police Week” during the week of May
14 11 through May 17, 2025; and commend Guam’s law enforcement officers for their
15 continued heroism, sacrifice, and duty in keeping our island community safe; and be it
16 further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of
18 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
19 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Police Department; to the Jose
20 D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port Authority Police Division; to the Antonio B. Won
21 Pat International Airport Authority Police Division; to the Military Police; and to the
22 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 ____ 2025.**

FRANK F. BLAS
Speaker

V. ANTHONY ADA
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SABRINA SALAS MATANANE
Legislative Secretary