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Introduced by:

William A. Parkinson 

Relative to urging the United States Federal Government to fully fund the construction and maintenance of air raid shelters and other civil defense infrastructure on Guam in light of heightened geopolitical tensions and the threat of regional conflict.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam is a U.S. territory whose citizens are U.S. citizens, and, as such,
4 are entitled to the full measure of protection provided by the United States federal
5 government; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Guam is a primary forward projection of U.S. military strength in the
7 Indo-Pacific, housing major U.S. military installations including Naval Base Guam and
8 Andersen Air Force Base. Authoritative analyses—including the Department of Defense’s
9 Annual Report to Congress: Military and Security Developments Involving the People’s
10 Republic of China (2022)—have underscored Guam’s strategic significance, noting that
11 the territory’s geographic position places it within range of advanced missile and other
12 strike capabilities possessed by potential adversaries; and

13 **WHEREAS**, tensions surrounding Taiwan have escalated in recent years, with
14 experts at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the U.S.-China
15 Economic and Security Review Commission warning that an armed conflict over Taiwan
16 could risk embroiling the entire region, making Guam a first-strike target due to its critical
17 role in force projection; and

1 **WHEREAS**, historically, the people of Guam have faced bombing and invasion
2 before, most notably by the Imperial Japanese forces on December 8, 1941—just hours
3 after the attack on Pearl Harbor—leading to thirty-two (32) months of occupation marked
4 by forced labor, forced marches, internment, and other documented atrocities. These events
5 are preserved in the testimonies gathered by the War in the Pacific National Historical Park
6 and in the Guam War Claims records; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s patriotic commitment to the United States is consistently
8 reflected in its per capita enlistment rates among the highest of any U.S. state or territory,
9 as cited in analyses by the U.S. Department of Defense and local Guam veteran service
10 organizations. This ongoing dedication to national defense underscores the moral and legal
11 obligation of the U.S. federal government to protect those who stand ready to serve; and

12 **WHEREAS**, with potential flashpoints in the region becoming increasingly tense,
13 the people of Guam find themselves on the precipice of a global conflict, being situated at
14 a strategic crossroads in the Indo-Pacific, and therefore subject to heightened threats and
15 uncertainty; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the United States federal government to preserve
17 human life and protect its citizens by providing robust civil defense infrastructure,
18 particularly air raid shelters that can shield residents of Guam from missile strikes, aerial
19 bombardments, or other attacks should a conflict erupt; now therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan*
21 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, urge
22 the United States Federal Government to fully fund the construction and maintenance of
23 air raid shelters and other civil defense infrastructure on Guam in light of heightened
24 geopolitical tensions and the threat of regional conflict; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, by *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
26 people of Guam requests the President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, the
27 Secretary of Homeland Security, and the United States Congress to authorize and
28 appropriate full federal funding for the construction, maintenance, and modernization of
29 air raid shelters and other civil defense infrastructure on Guam, including but not limited

1 to hardened facilities, early warning systems, and emergency medical centers; and be it
2 further

3 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further emphasizes that Guam’s unique
4 strategic importance in the Indo-Pacific places it at immediate risk in the event of a major
5 regional conflict, and therefore demands urgent federal action to ensure that the island is
6 adequately fortified. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* affirms the historical and ongoing sacrifices
7 made by Guam’s sons and daughters through their exemplary military service, and
8 underscores that the people of Guam are entitled to the same level of protection guaranteed
9 to all citizens of the United States; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, this Resolution further declares that, in light of the atrocities
11 experienced by Guam’s people during the World War II occupation, the U.S. federal
12 government must not allow a repeat of such devastation and suffering on American soil.
13 The defense of Guam is an integral component of upholding American values, honoring
14 past sacrifices, and safeguarding the people of Guam in the future; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
16 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
17 same be thereafter transmitted to the President of the United States; the Secretary of
18 Defense; the Secretary of Homeland Security; the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of
19 the United States Senate; the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of
20 Representatives; the Secretary of the Interior; the Delegate of Guam to the United States
21 House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga’hågan*
22 *Guåhan*.

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

FRANK BLAS JR.
Speaker

V. ANTHONY ADA
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SABRINA S. MATANANE
Legislative Secretary