


I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR/ COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
452-36 (COR)	Clynton E. Ridgell	Relative to recognizing and commending Guam Department of Agriculture and its partners on the celebration and observance of "Arbor Month" in October 2022 and "Arbor Day" on October 11, 2022, with the theme: "Conserving our Island from our Ridges to Our Reefs"; and congratulating the Guam Department of Agriculture Forestry Division on its fifty-one (51) years of service.	10/7/22 11:24 a.m.	10/11/22 9:00 a.m.						

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 452-36 (COR)

Introduced by:

Clynton E. Ridgell 

Relative to recognizing and commending Guam Department of Agriculture and its partners on the celebration and observance of "Arbor Month" in October 2022 and "Arbor Day" on October 11, 2022, with the theme: "Conserving our Island from our Ridges to Our Reefs"; and congratulating the Guam Department of Agriculture Forestry Division on its fifty-one (51) years of service.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, on January 4, 1872, then Secretary of the Nebraska Territory,
4 Julius Sterling Morton, a tree enthusiast, proposed a tree planting holiday to be called
5 "Arbor Day" or "Tree Day" to the State Board of Agriculture, resulting in more than
6 one million trees estimated to have been planted on the first celebration of "Arbor
7 Day" which was held on April 10, 1872; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1874, "Arbor Day" was officially proclaimed by then
9 Governor of Nebraska, Robert W. Furnas. In that year, "Arbor Day" was observed
10 on April 10 and in 1885, it was named a legal state holiday; and the permanent day
11 of observance was selected as April 22; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam have set aside a day to recognize the
13 importance of trees to our island community and what they yield in sustenance,
14 adornment, comfort, and other products; and

1 **WHEREAS**, trees are fundamental to our island's well-being as they reduce
2 erosion, cut cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-
3 giving oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife; and

4 **WHEREAS**, 2022 marks the one hundred fiftieth (150th) year anniversary of
5 the observance of "Arbor Day" as it is celebrated throughout the nation and around
6 the world with this year's theme being "Conserving our Island from our Ridges to
7 our Reefs" to celebrate the many ways trees enhance our mental health, environment
8 and climate, and protect our soils and marine resources; to share the benefits of
9 healthy forests; and to learn how community members can work together to better
10 protect Guam's unique natural resources; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Department of Agriculture's Forestry & Soil
12 Resources Division was first founded as the Guam Division of Forestry in 1971, and
13 on October 31, 1973, Governor Carlos G. Camacho signed into law Public Law 12-
14 53, recognizing "*Atbot De Fuego*" (Flame Tree) and "*Arbor Day Week*" on the
15 island, and commemorating the natural beauty of the flame trees of Guam; and 2022
16 marks the fifty-first (51st) year since the Forestry & Soil Resources Division has
17 been established; and within that timeframe, the Division has worked tirelessly to
18 preserve our island's trees - protectors of our island's resources; and

19 **WHEREAS**, "Arbor Day 2022" will include the initial planting of PC Lujan's
20 Native Tree Garden which will be used to educate our kids about our native trees of
21 the Marianas, give them shade to rest while they play, and opportunities for outdoor
22 class sessions; and throughout "Arbor Month" more plantings at DOE schools,
23 public spaces around the island, and at the COTAL Restoration Site for Department
24 of Agriculture's annual Trick or Trees Volunteer Planting Event; now therefore, be
25 it

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Sais Na*
27 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
28 people of Guam, recognize and commend Guam Department of Agriculture and its

1 partners on the celebration and observance of "Arbor Month" in October 2022 and
2 "Arbor Day" on October 11, 2022, with the theme: "Conserving our Island from our
3 Ridges to Our Reefs"; and congratulating the Guam Department of Agriculture
4 Forestry Division on its fifty-one (51) years of service; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
6 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
7 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Chelsa Muña Brecht, Director,
8 Department of Agriculture, Christine Camacho Fejeran, Chief, Forestry & Soil
9 Resources Division; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
10 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF
OCTOBER 2022.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary