

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Resolution No. 2025-27

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING PORT WEEK AND THE PORT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, COMMEMORATING FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE, PARTNERSHIPS, AND RESILIENCE, AND AFFIRMING THE PORT'S COMMITMENT TO MEETING THE ISLAND'S IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE NEEDS RESULTING WITH ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO COMMERCIAL PORT:

WHEREAS, in the 1950s and 1960s, control of port operations shifted from the United States Navy to civilian authority, and federal investment through the U.S. Rehabilitation Act funded critical improvements including dredging, utility installations, and wharf construction, laying the foundation for a modern commercial port; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s and 1980s, the Port Authority of Guam was formally established in 1975, ushering in autonomous local control, and the Port expanded capacity through workforce development, equipment acquisition, and growth in containerized cargo operations; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990s and 2000s, the Port demonstrated resilience in the face of typhoons and global disruptions, maintaining uninterrupted operations as Guam's lifeline while advancing security measures and initiating modernization planning to support long-term economic growth and defense readiness; and

WHEREAS, in the 2010s and 2020s, the Port entered a new era of strategic importance with its designation as a Military Strategic Port, the passage of Public Law 31-35 safeguarding it from sale, the regaining of full procurement and CIP authority, advances in transparency and accountability, and the pursuit of major capital projects including gantry crane replacement, wharf rehabilitation, tariff modernization, and sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes the dedication, professionalism, and contributions of Port employees, past and present, and further honors the retirees whose decades of service laid the foundation for today's operations and whose legacy continues to guide the Port's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Port employees have carried Guam through typhoons, pandemics, and global disruptions, ensuring that the island's lifeline remained open and uninterrupted, and the Port's national recognition for efficiency, transparency, and high performance is a direct result of their commitment, professionalism, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Port's 50th Anniversary carries the theme "*PORT STRONG: 50 Years of Grit, Resilience, and Service Fueling Local and Regional Economies, Partnerships, and National Security*", which reflects the enduring role of the Port as both an economic lifeline and a critical partner in Guam's defense and regional development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has dedicated this milestone to generations of Port employees, leaders, and partners who have kept Guam supplied and secure through storms, pandemics, and global challenges, while achieving financial stability, modernization, and resilience in service to the island and the nation, and further recognizes all Port General Managers who have guided the Port across its history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to recognizing employees broadly, the Board of Directors further acknowledges the essential contributions of all Port divisions represented across the organization, including the General Manager's Office, Deputy General Manager's Office, Harbor Master's Office, Operations, Stevedoring, Terminal, Transportation, Equipment Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance, Planning, Finance, Port Police, Corporate Services, General Administration, Commercial, Human Resources, Procurement and Supply Management, Information Technology, Occupational Health and Safety, CIP and Engineering, Legal, and Marketing, whose collective work ensures the Port remains operational as one of Guam's most critical infrastructure assets; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Port of Guam as a Strategic Port underscores its indispensable role in national defense, as the uninterrupted operation of its gantry cranes and waterfront facilities is vital to military readiness, with the loss of even a single crane projected to set defense buildup schedules back by four years; and



WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam Goodwill and Morale Association, known as PAGGMA, is the employee association representing personnel from across all divisions, and is dedicated to promoting morale and welfare among Port employees, fostering unity and collaboration, and supporting social and civic engagement within the Port and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Port Users Group of Guam (PUGG), representing the Port's customers and stakeholders, provides critical partnership in shaping operational priorities, tariff modernization, and long-term planning that sustains the Port's dual mission of economic growth and defense readiness; and

WHEREAS, the Port has cultivated strong partnerships with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam, the Guam Legislature, Guam's Delegate to Congress, federal and military partners, the U.S. Coast Guard including the Captain of the Port, the Governor's Build-Up Office, the Office of Civil Defense, Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency, Guam Police Department, Department of Agriculture, fuel providers, shipping agents, the Guam Power Authority, Guam Waterworks Authority, and regional partners throughout Micronesia and the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Port has planned a series of activities in observance of Port Week, including the official flag raising, the 50th Anniversary Grand Finale, the Maritime Resilience and Innovation Summit, recognition ceremonies, and community outreach events, all to highlight the Port's history and its continuing role in Guam's growth, commerce, national security, and energy dominance; and

WHEREAS, looking ahead to the next five to ten years, the Port is committed to advancing modernization and resilience through the acquisition of new gantry cranes, rehabilitation of wharves and facilities, tariff and lease modernization, and strengthening partnerships with regional and federal stakeholders, while ensuring sustainability, environmental responsibility, and uncompromising safety in meeting Guam's immediate and future needs; and

WHEREAS, as the Port commemorates its first fifty years, the Board of Directors also affirms a vision for the next fifty years, one rooted in modernization, resilience, and sustainability, where new gantry cranes, rehabilitated wharves, secure fuel handling, and digital innovation will strengthen Guam's supply chain, expand regional partnerships, and ensure that the Port remains both the island's economic lifeline and a critical partner in national defense;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam hereby recognizes the week of October 20–25, 2025 as Port Week and affirms the importance of the Port's 50th Anniversary Celebration, guided by the theme "*PORT STRONG: 50 Years of Grit, Resilience, and Service Fueling Local and Regional Economies, Partnerships, and National Security*", in honoring the legacy of the Port, its employees, retirees, partners, and its mission as Guam's vital seaport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson certify to, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.**

DOROTHY P. HARRIS
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