

FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE
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R E S O L U T I O N

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RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF
THE CONVENTION TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF SELLA BAY
AND ITS ENVIRONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
AN AMMUNITION WHARF.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF THE
- 2 TERRITORY OF GUAM:
- 3 WHEREAS, the Navy has recently announced that its plan for the
- 4 ammunition wharf needed to replace the one currently in use is to
- 5 construct the wharf on land at Sella Bay in the municipality of
- 6 Umatac, such construction requiring the condemnation of a large part
- 7 of the land needed for the wharf and all other land within a radius
- 8 of two miles; and
- 9 WHEREAS, this plan strikes at the heart of the efforts of the
- 10 people and the government of Guam to develop a viable economy not
- 11 totally dependent upon defense spending since this very area where
- 12 the wharf is planned is one of the most scenic and attractive in
- 13 the territory and might be utilized for a number of resort and

1 principal user of the ammunition being unloaded at the present wharf
2 is Andersen Air Force Base which is at the other end of the island;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, although the people of Guam are patriotic American
5 citizens who support the defense of efforts of the United States
6 wholeheartedly and in no way desire to interfere with those defense
7 activities so vital to the United States and to the free world now
8 taking place in Guam, they nevertheless sincerely believe that these
9 efforts would in no way be jeopardized were a more appropriate and
10 less destructive site selected for this ammunition wharf; now there-
11 fore, be it

12 RESOLVED, that the Convention does hereby express complete
13 opposition to the announced plans of the Defense Department to con-
14 demn Sella Bay and its environs, one of Guam's most beautiful beach
15 areas, for use as a site for an ammunition wharf, further expressing
16 the hope that those officials who have the power to do so will in-
17 tercede on Guam's behalf in this struggle to conserve one of its few
18 natural assets; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that the President certify and the Secretary attest to
20 the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter trans-
21 mitted to the President of the United States, Secretary of Defense,
22 to the Secretary of the Navy, to the Commander, Naval Forces Marianas,
23 to the Chairman, Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, United States