

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to recognizing the “One Hundred Eleventh (111th) Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines”, and to congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS, the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of**

1 the Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) of June; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence  
3 through the sacrifices of many Filipino heroes, such as, Dr. Jose Rizal, the  
4 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote "*Noli Me Tangere*" (The Lost  
5 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment, and whose execution by  
6 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led  
7 the *Cry of Balintawak*; General Emilio Aguinaldo, who commanded the *Battle of*  
8 *Binakayan*; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the "Sublime Paralytic" and the  
9 "Brain of the Revolution"; and

10       **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted  
11 Filipinas, such as, Melchora Aquino, known as "*Tandang Sora*", who was  
12 exiled to the Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a  
13 twenty-eight (28) year old teacher, who was one of the first women to lead  
14 men into battle; and other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined  
15 the Revolutionary Forces; and

16       **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on  
17 June 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines'  
18 Independence at his hometown of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people  
19 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including, the  
20 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National  
21 Anthem was being played in public for the first time, after which the "Act of  
22 the Declaration of Independence" was solemnly read by its author, Ambrosio

1 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of  
2 Independence; and

3         **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of  
4 Municipal Presidents, and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the  
5 Philippines in Malolos, Bulacan, on September 1898, as an expression of the  
6 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and


7         **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam celebrates Philippine  
8 Independence annually with various activities such as: *Santacruzán*, the  
9 Filipino religious-historical procession; a Philippine food festival at the Alize  
10 Restaurant in the Guam Reef Hotel during the entire month of June; a flag-  
11 raising ceremony at the Philippine Consulate Office of Guam at the ITC  
12 Building "*Vin d' Honneur*" at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, hosted by the  
13 Philippine Consul General on Guam on June 13; a Thanksgiving Mass at the  
14 *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral Basilica and a wreath-laying ceremony at the  
15 War in the Pacific National Historical Park in *Asan* on June 14; and the  
16 Filipino Community of Guam's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton  
17 Laguna Guam Hotel on June 26 to celebrate the numerous contributions that  
18 Filipinos have made to the island; now, therefore, be it


19         **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
20 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the "One Hundred Eleventh (111<sup>th</sup>)  
21 Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the

1 Philippines", and does further congratulate the Filipino Community of Guam;  
2 and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and Legislative Secretary attest  
4 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted  
5 to Alex Gagaring, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable  
6 Olivia Palala, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; to the Honorable  
7 Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines; and to the Honorable  
8 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2009.**

  
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D**  
Speaker

  
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