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Introduced by

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**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SISTER-CITY  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF OLONGAPO,  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Guam for centuries have shared a strong bond with our brothers and sisters in the Philippines who call Guam home and share their Filipino heritage, diversifying Guam's unique and strong culture; and

**WHEREAS**, through the years, many Filipinos have come to Guam to help build the community we know today. They made their home here, raised their families, and contributed to the progress of Guam. Today's generation of Guamanians who share Philippine heritage join everyone in our community in preparing for a future of unprecedented opportunities toward sustained growth; and

**WHEREAS**, years beyond the planned military expansion, the measure of achievements and growth of our people's influence in the regional, national and international arena will exhibit the strength of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the buildup of the U.S. armed forces in Guam is unprecedented. While the Island expect great benefits from this buildup, its magnitude far surpasses the capacity of our island to produce the infrastructure, workforce, and services needed to sustain it. The duty of this generation must give our children a future of sustainable growth, starting with the massive investment by Japan and the United States into our economy and driven by a Guam agenda; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses and nations throughout the globe want to be part of this future. Guam has much to offer. Our island, in the end, will benefit from partnerships

it enters with people of goodwill, who bring their experience and their passion toward building the Guam of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, Olongapo City, Republic of the Philippines shares a common history with Guam. Olongapo City for years was a host community for one of the largest United States military installations in the region at its time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable James "Bong" Gordon, Jr., Mayor of Olongapo City, and a contingent of city officials made an historic visit to Guam meeting with the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*, members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and community leaders in April; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Gordon, upon his return to Olongapo City, convened the Sangguniang Panlungsod City Council, which approved Resolution No. 60 calling for an official invitation to Guam to join the Philippine International Sisterhood and Twinning Program with Olongapo City; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Gordon signed Resolution No. 60 on May 13, 2009. The invitation highlights the relations of the people of Olongapo City to the people of Guam, the desire of both communities to benefit mutually from Guam's military buildup, and the belief that Guam's brightest days lie ahead; and, now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the government of Guam and representing the best interests of the people of our island, do hereby accept the invitation of Olongapo City to a sister-city relationship and reciprocates the invitation to Mayor Gordon and his family, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Olongapo and other officials of the city who will accompany the mayor to Guam. *I Liheslatura* hereby promulgates the attached Memorandum of Strengthening Exchange and Cooperation between Olongapo City, Republic of the Philippines and the Island of Guam, subject to the review and amendment of Legal Counsel. The memorandum shall be signed in Guam at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Mayor of Olongapo City. *I Liheslatura* also authorizes the Speaker and its members to sign memoranda promulgated by the City of Olongapo; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Secretary of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to the Honorable James "Bong" Gordon, Jr., the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Olongapo, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Guam Department of Labor, the Filipino Community of Guam and the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

Memorandum on Strengthening Exchange and Cooperation between  
Olongapo City, Republic of the Philippines and the Island of Guam

Whereas, at the invitation of Guam Senators Edward J.B. Calvo, Judith Guthertz, Ph.D., and Rory Respicio, the Mayor of Olongapo City, Republic of the Philippines, Honorable James “Bong” Gordon, Jr., agreed to enter his city into a sister relationship with Guam during his visit to the island in April this year.

Whereas, upon his return to Olongapo City, Mayor Gordon approved Resolution No. 60, which formally invited Guam into a sister-city relationship with Olongapo.

Whereas, the Guam Legislature agrees with Mayor Gordon to establish and develop understanding and friendship based on exchange, cooperation and mutual benefit.

Whereas, both parties agree to the following provisions:

1. To vigorously promote the friendly exchange, understanding and friendship between the two cities;
2. To enthusiastically promote exchange of visits concerning the furtherance of culture, tourism and workforce development;
3. To encourage and support this exchange and cooperation in various means and methods to continue the development of this friendly relationship.

Now, therefore, the Mayor of the City of Olongapo and the Speaker of the Guam Legislature hereby make this memorandum effective upon affixing their signatures this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Hagatna.

James “Bong” Gordon, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Olongapo

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker, *I Mina’Trenta Na Lihesturan Guåhan*