

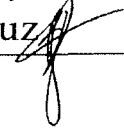


I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE WORLD-WIDE MEMBERS OF SOKA GAKKAI
INTERNATIONAL (SGI) ON THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS
AND DEDICATION IN PROMOTING WORLD PEACE AND
CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS OF SGI-USA, GUAM
ON THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SGI**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**

2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, in response to the needs of an increasingly global
4 community of Soka Gakkai members, the Soka Gakkai International (SGI) was
5 formed in Guam on January 26, 1975, and on the same day thirty-five (35)
6 years ago, one hundred fifty-eight (158) delegates from fifty-one (51) countries
7 met for the first World Peace Conference, nominating Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, then
8 president of Soka Gakkai, to head the new Soka Gakkai International; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam was selected as the venue to conduct the first World
10 Peace Conference, given that the Chamorro people suffered so terribly from
11 the ravages of war; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from this auspicious occasion, the delegates founded Soka
2 Gakkai International (SGI), thus began the worldwide grassroots activities of
3 peace, education and culture, based on the humanistic outlook of Nichiren
4 Buddhism; and

5 **WHEREAS**, today SGI is a worldwide network with eighty-two (82)
6 constituent organizations and more than twelve million (12,000,000) members
7 in one hundred ninety-two (192) countries and territories, sharing a common
8 vision of global peace and prosperity and for twenty-nine (29) years has been
9 accredited as a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations
10 (UN); and

11 **WHEREAS**, as a NGO of the United Nations, SGI has worked tirelessly
12 with other UN entities in promoting harmony and coexistence between
13 nations in the fields of humanitarian relief and public education, with a focus
14 on peace, environmental protection and human rights; and

15 **WHEREAS**, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Dr. Ikeda's peace
16 proposals addressed such themes as the power of dialogue, the adoption of a
17 Universal Declaration Renouncing War, and the need for mutual respect in
18 cultural exchange; and he further cited the important role of the United
19 Nations in maintaining global security, while challenging it to become more
20 representative of the people and rather than just nation states; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda, who has attained the status of a world-renowned
22 Buddhist scholar and peace activist, has made it his personal mission to
23 engage in more than one thousand, five hundred (1,500) dialogues for peace
24 with noted world leaders such as Dr. Arnold Toynbee; Nobel Laureate and

1 former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela; former U.S. Secretary of
2 State Henry Kissinger; former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev;
3 civil rights leader Rosa Parks; and Dr. Elise Boulding; and

4 **WHEREAS**, for his humanitarian endeavors in a range of fields, Dr.
5 Ikeda has been a recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and awards
6 including the United Nation Peace Award, the Rosa Parks Humanitarian
7 Award, National Order of the Southern Cross of the Republic of Brazil, the
8 United States Congressional Award, the Honorary Cross of Science and the
9 Arts from the Austrian Ministry of Education, Medal of the Grand Officer of
10 Arts and Letters from the French Ministry of Culture, the Grand Officer
11 award from the President of the Italian Republic and the World Poet
12 Laureateship from the World Poetry Society, the Order of Friendship from
13 Russia, and the Honorary Doctorate from the University of Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has encouraged the members of SGI to devote
15 their lives to planting seeds of peace throughout the world, rather than
16 seeking to bring the flowers of their own lives to bloom; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the members of the SGI resolve to contribute to the
18 prosperity of their respective societies and countries, while respecting
19 individual cultures, customs and laws; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have received
21 worldwide recognition for fulfilling the dreams of Mr. Tsunesaburo
22 Makiguchi and Mr. Josei Toda, with the establishment of the Soka Education
23 system, which includes elementary to university-level institutions in Japan,

1 and Soka University of America located in Aliso Viejo, California, the
2 establishment of the Min-On Concert Association, and the creation of the
3 Tokyo Fuji Art Museum; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI-USA, Guam have pursued activities to
5 advance the cause of peace in dedication to the commitment by Dr. Ikeda; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on January 2000, SGI-USA, Guam commemorated the 25th
7 anniversary of the founding of SGI, by co-sponsoring with the University of
8 Guam, Soka University of America and SGI-USA the first Pacific Islands New
9 Millennium Peace Conference; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the conference brought together government leaders and
11 high chiefs from many of the Pacific Islands to share their memories of the
12 Pacific War and resolve to never again allow such violence; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on January 2005, SGI-USA, Guam commemorated the 30th
14 anniversary of the founding of SGI, by hosting numerous commemorative
15 events in the name of peace, including the opening of two (2) traveling
16 exhibitions, "Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World" and
17 Morehouse College's "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace";
18 these traveling exhibits were displayed at the office of the Governor of Guam,
19 the University of Guam and the Guam Community College; and

20 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam hosted the Second Pacific Islands New
21 Millennium Peace Conference for educators focusing on "Humanistic
22 Education: Fostering a Culture of Peace" and sponsored a cultural festival
23 celebrating the diverse culture of mankind; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on January 2007, SGI-USA, on its 32nd anniversary of the
2 founding of SGI-USA, Guam, another milestone was realized with the grand
3 opening of its new Activity Center, an occasion that members of SGI-USA,
4 Guam have been working hard for years in order to accommodate their
5 members and Buddhist activities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on January 2010, SGI-USA, Guam will commemorate its
7 35th anniversary by encouraging the advancement of innovative ideas that
8 focus on positive changes that promote a stronger, stable, and more
9 sustainable world, beginning with the self and extending into the local
10 community and expanding throughout our global society; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during its 35th anniversary, SGI-USA, Guam will be hosting
12 various events throughout Guam, including a conference at the Guam
13 Community College and an exhibit at the Agana Shopping Center offering a
14 variety of speakers and performing artists promoting the theme “Seeds of
15 Change: The Earth Charter and Human Potential”, an awarding of honorary
16 Professorship to President Daisaku Ikeda at the Guam Community College,
17 an opening of a Peace Park in the village of Tamuning; and

18 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam believes that the creation of lasting peace
19 and the elimination of violence, rather than the promotion of high level social
20 reform, ultimately lies upon the ability of each individual in earth to
21 inherently embrace the spirit of peace their hearts; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have dedicated

1 more than sixty (60) years of their lives to the promotion of peace, culture, and
2 education through their committed efforts as leaders of SGI and continues to
3 serve as inspiring examples of how one person's committed efforts can
4 transform the lives of millions of people around the world including those of
5 us here on Guam; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
7 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the world-wide
8 members of SGI on it's tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world
9 peace, which is ever more relevant in the age of terror and war, and
10 congratulates SGI-USA, Guam on the 35th anniversary of the founding of SGI;
11 and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Rules Committee
13 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and
14 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to President Daisaku and
15 Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda of Soka Gakkai International (SGI); to Danny Nagashima,
16 General Director; to SGI-USA; to SGI-USA, Guam, and to the Honorable Felix
17 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF JANUARY 2010.**

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature