

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 11

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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 congratulates SGI-USA, Guam on the 31st anniversary of the founding of SGI, and the grand opening of SGI-USA, Guam Activity Center

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS**, thirty one (31) years ago, on January 26, 1975, one hundred
4 fifty eight (158) delegates from fifty one (51) countries met in *Islan Guåhan* for
5 the first World Peace Conference; and
6 **WHEREAS**, *Islan Guåhan* was selected as the venue to conduct the first
7 World Peace Conference, given that the Chamorro people suffered so terribly
8 from the ravages of war; and
9 **WHEREAS**, from this auspicious occasion, the delegates founded Soka
10 Gakkai International (SGI), thus began the worldwide grassroots activities of

1 peace, education and culture, based on the humanistic outlook of Nichiren
2 Buddhism; and

3 **WHEREAS**, today SGI is a worldwide network with eighty two (82)
4 constituent organizations and more than one million two hundred thousand
5 (1,200,000) members in one hundred ninety (190) countries and territories,
6 sharing a common vision of global peace and prosperity; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for twenty six (26) years, SGI has been accredited as a Non-
8 governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations (UN); and

9 **WHEREAS**, as a NGO of the UN, SGI has worked tirelessly with other
10 UN entities in promoting harmony and coexistence between nations,
11 disarmament, human rights and humanitarian relief; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Daisaku Ikeda, a recipient of the UN Peace Award and
13 over two hundred honorary doctorates from universities around the world,
14 has been the president of SGI since 1975; and

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI-USA, Guam have pursued activities to
22 advance the cause of peace; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on January 2000, SGI-USA, Guam commemorated the 25th
24 anniversary of the founding of SGI, by co-sponsoring with the University of

1 Guam, Soka University of America and SGI-USA the first Pacific Islands New
2 Millennium Peace Conference

3 **WHEREAS**, the conference brought together executive government
4 leaders and high chiefs from many of the Pacific Islands to share their
5 memories of the Pacific War and resolve to never again allow such violence;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, on January 2005, SGI-USA, Guam commemorated the 30th
8 anniversary of the founding of SGI, by hosting numerous commemorative
9 events in the name of peace,

10 **WHEREAS**, these commemorative events included the opening of two
11 (2) traveling exhibitions, "Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the
12 World" and Morehouse College's "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building
13 Peace, these traveling exhibits were displayed at the office of the Governor of
14 Guam, the University of Guam, the Guam Community College, FBLG Middle
15 School, UPI Elementary School, Simon Sanchez High School and Anderson
16 Elementary School; and

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

21 **WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2007, SGI-USA, Guam will observe the 31st
22 anniversary of the founding of SGI, with the grand opening of it's new
23 Activity Center, to continue its efforts towards world peace, promoting

1 education and the appreciation of cultural diversity; and

2 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA Guam will be exhibiting at the Activity Center,
3 the Morehouse College's "Gandhi, King, Ikeda": A Legacy of Building Peace
4 exhibit; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the youth members of SGI-USA, Guam will showcase the
6 "Victory over Violence" exhibit, to help young people identify and
7 counteract the root causes of violence in their lives; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the world-wide
10 members of SGI on it's tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world
11 peace, and congratulates SGI-USA, Guam on the 31st anniversary of the
12 founding of SGI, and the grand opening of SGI-USA, Guam Activity Center;
13 and be it further

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

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature