

***I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2005 (First) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 58 (EC)**

**Introduced by:**

**R.J. Respicio** 

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**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF *I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* (TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE) FOR PA'A TAOTAO TANO TO SUCCEED IN THE OPENING OF A CHAMORRO CULTURAL VILLAGE IN THE HEART OF GUAM'S TOURIST INDUSTRY**

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

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano, a registered non-profit organization since 2001, was founded to preserve and promote the culture of the indigenous people of Guam, the Chamorro people of the Marianas Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano is comprised of over 500 individual cultural practitioners and advocates, including all of the major Chamorro cultural dance groups on island; and

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano, is the enabling sponsor of four (4) annual cultural festivals featuring Chamorro cultural dancing, arts & crafts, storytelling & oral history, and music & song; and

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano received federal grant funds from the Administration for Native Americans of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to fund and operate two (2) of the four (4) festivals; and

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano has demonstrated its commitment to the preservation and protection of the Chamorro Culture through their leadership in the enhancement of cultural development; and

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**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano has built a Chamorro Cultural Village on vacant property subleased by the Archdiocese of Hagåtña to the Guam Reef Hotel in the heart of Guam's Tourist district; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Chamorro Cultural Village is to provide proper facilities for the regular exhibition of Chamorro culture for the people of Guam and Guam's visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamorro Cultural Village has been the venue for several Pa'a Cultural Festivals, crafts fairs, and other events and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano does not have the current resources to open the Chamorro Cultural Village for regular operations;

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano has applied for federal funds through a grant from the Administration for Native Americans of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the improvement of the Chamorro Cultural Village and the finances for the regular operations of the Chamorro Cultural Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamorro Cultural Village will provide economic opportunities for Chamorro cultural practitioners to practice their trades in a regular setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamorro Cultural Village will proudly and regularly showcase Chamorro Dance in the face of its noticeable absence in the majority of tourist establishments in Tumon; and

**WHEREAS**, Pa'a Taotao Tano will partner with other non-profit organizations in the operations of the Chamorro Cultural Village including Gef Pago' Cultural Village in Inalahan, Sanctuary, Inc., and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Visitors Bureau has determined through studies and surveys that visitors who come to Guam desire more Chamorro cultural attractions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, that it is the desire of the members of *I Liheslatura* that Pa'a Taotao Tano is successful in the improvement and regular operations of the Chamorro Cultural Village in Tumon; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby encourage the government of Guam to assist Pa'a Taotao Tano in the success and sustainability of the Chamorro Cultural Village through the Guam Visitors Bureau, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, Department of Chamorro Affairs and others; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby expresses its confidence in the ability of Pa'a Taotao Tano to administer federal grant funds to improve the Chamorro Cultural Village; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Guam Visitors Bureau General Manager and Board of Directors, the Department of Chamorro Affairs President and Board of Trustees, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Director and Board, the Pa'a Taotao Tano Executive Director and Board, the Honorable Francisco Blas, Mayor of Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon, the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, the Honorable Kaleo S. Moylan, *I Segundo na Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam.