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APPENDIX 1

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER. MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR NELSON, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO ADOPT LEGISLATIVE AGENDA DATED JANUARY 12 2019.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: 19 2019 A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADOPT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA DATED JANUARY 12 2019 ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO DELAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM NUMBER TWO (ii).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOTION WAS MADE TO DELAY LEDGES LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM TWO (ii) ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE (iii).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOTION WAS MADE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM THREE (iii) ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO DELAYED LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDAS ITEMS FOUR(iv) THROUGH SIX(vi).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOTION WAS MADE TO DELAY THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS FOUR (iv) THROUGH SIX (vi) ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MADAM CLERK PLEASE TAKE ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR CASTRO SENATOR LEE SENATOR MARSH SENATOR MOYLAN SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *GAIGE'HA* (HERE)

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR MUÑA VICE SPEAKER NELSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR RIDGELL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR "PEDO" TERLAJE SENATOR THERESE TERLAJE SENATOR TORRES MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A QUORUM.

(SENATOR CASTRO WAS ABSENT AND EXCUSED)

APPENDIX 2

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM CLERK MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS ITEMS EIGHT (viii) THROUGH 13 (xiii).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S SESSION.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOTION WAS MADE TO EXCUSE THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU SENATOR NELSON AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE.

SENATOR LEE: *BUENAS* (GOOD MORNING) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADDRESS THE SWEARING IN OF OUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION.

SENATOR LEE: NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES SENATOR LEE.

SENATOR LEE: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO NOMINATE OUR LEGAL COUNSEL JULIAN AGUON AS AN ATTACHÉ.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION TO NOMINATE MR. JULIAN AGUON AS LEGAL COUNSEL ARE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO.

SENATOR CAMACHO TORRES: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: RECOGNIZE SENATOR MARY TORRES.

SENATOR CAMACHO TORRES: I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR LEGAL COUNSEL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION TO CLOSE IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES AND AT THIS TIME I'D ASK ATTORNEY JULIAN AGUON TO THANK YOU ON THE MOTIONS TO NOMINATE ATTORNEY JULIA AGUON AS LEGAL COUNSEL ATTACHÉ FOR THE 35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES AND AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK ATTORNEY JULIAN AGUON TO PLEASE COME FORWARD ATTORNEY AGUON PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME.

(SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES ADMINSTERS OATH AND ATTACHÉ REPEATS AFTER HER)

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I JULIAN AGUON SOLEMNLY SWEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD THAT I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES APPLICABLE TO GUAM AND THE LAWS OF GUAM AND THAT I WILL CONSCIENCIOUSLY AND IMPARTIALLY DISCHARGE MY DUTIES AS AN *ATTACHÉ* OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* CONGRATULATIONS ATTORNEY AGUON *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 15 (xv) THROUGH 19 (xix).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: I MOVED TO APPEND RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-34 TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

APPENDIX 3

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI*.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE HONORABLE VICENTE "BEN" GUMATAO, FORMER MAYOR OF *PITI* AND TO ALLOW THE HONORED GUESTS INTO THE SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOTION WAS MADE TO RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE HONORABLE VICENTE “BEN” GUMATAOTAO FORMER MAYOR OF *PITI* AND TO ALLOW THE HONORED GUESTS INTO THIS INTO THE SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING NONE MOTION CARRIES AT THIS TIME, THE *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS IN RECESS TO ALLOW OUR GUESTS TO COME IN.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

APPENDIX 4

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER TO HONOR THE LATE HONORABLE VICENTE “BEN” GUMATAOTAO, FORMER MAYOR OF *PITI*. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RISE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I ASK THAT YOU REMAIN STANDING AS WE BEGIN WITH THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY THE GUAM POLICE DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD I CALL UPON MISS RUBY SANTOS AND JESSE BAIS TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE GUAM HYMN.

RUBY SANTOS AND JESSIE BAIS: O SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN’S EARLY LIGHT, WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL’D AT THE TWILIGHT’S LAST GLEAMING, WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT O’ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH’D WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING. AND THE ROCKET’S RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE, O SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O’ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE. ON THE SHORE DIMLY SEEN THROUGH THE MISTS OF THE DEEP WHERE THE FOE’S HAUGHTY HOST IN DREAD SILENCE REPOSES, WHAT IS THAT WHICH THE BREEZE, O’ER THE TOWERING STEEP, AS IT FITFULLY BLOWS, HALF CONCEALS, HALF DISCLOSES. NOW IT CATCHES THE GLEAM OF THE MORNING’S FIRST BEAM, IN FULL GLORY REFLECTED NOW SHINES IN THE STREAM, ’TIS THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER - O LONG MAY IT WAVE O’ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE!

FANOHGGE CHAMORRO PUT I TANO' TA KANTA I MATUNA-NA GI TODU I LUGAT PARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIA ABIBA I ISLA SINPARAT. PARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIA ABIBA I ISLA SINPARAT. TODU I TIEMPO I PAS PARA HITA YAN GINEN I LANGET NA BENDISION KONTRA I PILIGRU NA'FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAM KONTRA I PILIGRU NA'FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAM.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FOR THE RECITATION OF *INIFRESI* WILL SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE KINDLY LEAD US.

SENATOR LEE: *INIFRESI GINEN I MÅS TAKHELO' GI HINASSO-KU, I MÅS TAKHALOM GI KURASON-HU, YAN I MÅS FIGO' NA NINA'SIÑÁ-HU, HU UFRESEN MAISA YU' PARA BAI HU PRUTEHI YAN HU DIFENDE I HINENGGE, I KOTTURA, I LENGGUÁHI, I AIRE, I HANOM, YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSIÁ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÁTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÁ-HU, I BANDERAN GUÁHAN.*

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I CALL UPON REVEREND FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN TO DELIVER THE INVOCATION PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

REVEREND FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN (LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAIN): IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT FATHER OF MERCIES AND GOD OF ALL CONSOLATION YOU PURSUE US WITH UNTIRING LOVE AND DISPEL THE SHADOW OF DEATH WITH A BRIGHT DAWN OF LIFE COMFORT US IN OUR LOSS AND SORROW OVER THE PASSING OF OUR BELOVED THE HONORABLE VICENTE “BEN” DIAZ GUMATAOTAO BE OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH O LORD AND LIFT US FROM THE DEPTHS OF GRIEF INTO THE PEACE AND LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE YOUR SON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST BY DYING HAS DESTROYED OUR DEATH AND BY RISING RESTORED OUR LIFE ENABLE US THEREFORE TO PRESS ON TOWARD HIM SO THAT AFTER OUR EARTHLY COURSE IS RUN HE MAY REUNITE US ONCE AGAIN WITH YOUR SERVANT HONORABLE VICENTE “BEN” DIAZ GUMATAOTAO AND ALL WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US SO THAT ON THAT DAY EVERY TEAR WILL BE WIPED AWAY WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLEASE BE SEATED AND AT THIS TIME I CALL SENATOR AMANDA LEE SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO READ RESOLUTION TO 2-35 (COR).

SENATOR SHELTON: RESOLUTION NO. 2-35 (COR) INTRODUCED BY: WILLIAM M. CASTRO, JOSE “PEDO” TERLAJE, RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, KELLY G. MARSH (TAITANO), PH. D., JAMES C. MOYLAN, TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES, LOUISE BORJA MUÑA, TELENA CRUZ NELSON, SABINA FLORES PEREZ, CLYNTON E. RIDGELL, JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN, AMANDA L. SHELTON, TELO T. TAITAGUE, THERESE M. TERLAJE, AND MARY CAMACHO TORRES RELATIVE TO POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING THE LATE HONORABLE VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO, FORMER MAYOR OF *PITI*, FOR HIS LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO OUR PEOPLE AND NATION; EXPRESSING A SINCERE *UN DÁNGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO HIS FAMILY FOR THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAD MADE TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY; AND TO FURTHER EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, ON BEHALF OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM. BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*: WHEREAS, FORMER MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO, FONDLY KNOWN AS “UNCLE BEN,” WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 30, 1927, IN THE HISTORIC PRE-WAR VILLAGE OF *SUMAY*. HE IS THE SON OF THE LATE †JOSEFINA DIAZ AND †LEON DIAZ GUMATAOTAO, AND IS THE THIRD ELDEST CHILD OF TWELVE (12) CHILDREN AND THE FIRST-BORN SON; AND AT THE ADVENT OF WORLD WAR II, FORMER MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO’S FAMILY WAS MADE TO MARCH TO THE *MANENGGON* HILLS CONCENTRATION CAMP DURING THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY’S INVASION OF GUAM; AND, AS A TEENAGER, HE WAS EXPOSED TO THE ATROCITIES OF THE BRUTAL AND GRUESOME WAR AT THE HANDS OF THE JAPANESE SOLDIERS. FURTHERMORE, MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO’S FAMILY WAS LATER RELOCATED TO THE HILLS OF *SANTA RITA* WHERE HIS FAMILY REBUILT THEIR LIVES; AND MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO LATER MARRIED THE FORMER ANTONIA BENAVENTE RABON OF *SINAJANA*, AND THEY RAISED THREE (3) DAUGHTERS; ELIZABETH “BETSY” G. HUSSEY, LISA G. PERKINS, AND YVETTE MARIE R. LEON GUERRERO CRUZ; AND SEVEN (7) SONS, ANTHONY FREDDIE SABLAN, GARY FRANK GUMATAOTAO, GLEN GUMATAOTAO, ROBERT G.R. LEON GUERRERO, KEVIN A.R. LEON GUERRERO, MANUEL F. LEON GUERRERO III, AND VICENTE D. GUMATAOTAO II. UNCLE BEN HAS ALSO BEEN BLESSED WITH TWENTY-THREE (23) GRANDCHILDREN; ANTHONY SCOTT, KEVIN MICHAEL, ANDREA NICOLE, DOMINIQUE, JANELLE, ANGELICA, JOSHUA AARON, HANNA, AYA, AMY LISA, VICENTE JEREMIAH, STACY NICOLE, ASHLEY BLAIR, MATTHEW JOHN, TYLER, GABRIEL JESUS, ELIJAH JAMES, PATRICIA ROSE, MANUEL IV, LUCIAN JACOB, ANTONIA MARIA, VICENTE III, MIEKO ROSAE; AND TWENTY-TWO (22) GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, ALICIA HALLIE, JADE KIANA, ADDIE, ANTHONY, KIANA SUSAN, KAIDEN ROONEY, KAITLIN, HAILEY, VALERIE, MELANIE, CARSON, COLTON, CADENCE, YOHANN, ADELYNN, CARSON, WILLIAM, NOAH, VIVIAN, ISAIAH, NEVAEH, AND TJ; AND MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO SERVED A GRATEFUL NATION FOR OVER TWENTY-EIGHT (28) YEARS AS A DECORATED SAILOR IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. DURING HIS TOUR IN THE NAVY, HE COMPLETED MESS MANAGEMENT SCHOOL AND WAS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR STEWARDS WITHIN HIS DIVISION, AS WELL AS STEWARDS THAT WERE TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE WHITE HOUSE; AND, HE SUBSEQUENTLY RETIRED AT THE RANK OF MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (E-9), THE HIGHEST ENLISTED RANK IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY; AND UPON HIS RETIREMENT, MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO WORKED WITH FORMER SPEAKER THOMAS C. TANAKA AS A LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT FOR THE GUAM LEGISLATURE FROM JANUARY 1979 TO DECEMBER 1983. HE THEN WORKED WITH FORMER SENATOR EDWARD DUEÑAS FROM 1984 TO 1988, AND EVENTUALLY TOOK A POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN VICENTE C. BLAZ IN THE 101ST AND 102ND U.S. CONGRESS, FROM JANUARY 1989 TO DECEMBER 1993, SERVING AS A TRUSTED ADVISOR; AND AFTER TEN (10) YEARS OF RETIREMENT, UNCLE BEN GUMATAOTAO WAS CALLED UPON BY THE COMMUNITY OF *PITI* TO RUN FOR MAYOR; AND, HE WAS ELECTED AND SERVED AS THE VILLAGE MAYOR FOR TWELVE (12) YEARS, FROM JANUARY 2004 TO DECEMBER 2015; AND DURING HIS TIME SERVING AS MAYOR OF *PITI*, MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO IMPROVED HIS VILLAGE THROUGH THE RESTORATION OF THE *PITI* BASKETBALL COURT, THE RENOVATION THE PEDRO SANTOS PARK, THE CLEAN-UP OF MARINE CORPS DRIVE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE *MASSO* RESERVOIR FOR THE VILLAGE OF *PITI*; AND MAYOR BEN WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF NUMEROUS CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, TO INCLUDE: THE U.S. NAVY LEAGUE (LIFETIME MEMBER); THE YOUNG MEN’S LEAGUE OF GUAM; THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, BRANCH #73; THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIFORM SERVICES (LIFETIME MEMBER); THE GUAM DIABETES ASSOCIATION; THE LEGION OF MARY (AUXILIARY MEMBER) OF *PITI* CHURCH; THE FINANCE COUNCIL OF *PITI* CHURCH; FORMER MEMBER, *PITI* MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL; FORMER MEMBER, GUAM PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; AND FORMER MEMBER, GUAM LAND USE COMMISSION; AND MAYOR BEN LIVED TO THE AGE OF NINETY-ONE (91) YEARS AND PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 28, 2018, EXPERIENCING A FULL, VIBRANT AND ACCOMPLISHED LIFE; AND HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, THE COMMUNITY HE SERVED, AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WILL SURELY MISS HIM; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* DOES HEREBY, ON BEHALF OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZE AND COMMEMORATE THE LATE HONORABLE VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO, FORMER MAYOR OF *PITI*, FOR HIS LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO OUR PEOPLE AND NATION;

EXPRESS A SINCERE *UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* TO HIS FAMILY FOR THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAD MADE TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY; AND DOES FURTHER EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, ON BEHALF OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM; AND BE IT FURTHER THAT THE SPEAKER AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES CERTIFY, AND THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ATTEST TO, THE ADOPTION HEREOF, AND THAT COPIES OF THE SAME BE THEREAFTER TRANSMITTED TO MRS. ANTONIA B.R. GUMATAOTAO; AND TO ELIZABETH "BETSY" G. HUSSEY; LISA G. PERKINS; YVETTE MARIE R. LEON GUERRERO CRUZ; ANTHONY FREDDIE SABLAN; GARY FRANK GUMATAOTAO; GLEN GUMATAOTAO; ROBERT G.R. LEON GUERRERO; KEVIN A.R. LEON GUERRERO; MANUEL F. LEON GUERRERO III; AND VICENTE D. GUMATAOTAO II; TO THE HONORABLE JESSE ALIG, MAYOR OF *PITI*; AND TO THE HONORABLE LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*. DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2019. SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY AMANDA L. SHELTON CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON RULES RÉGINE BISCOE LEE.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I INVITE VICE SPEAKER MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR TELENA NELSON SENATOR AMANDA LEE SHELTON LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY AND SENATOR LOUISE MUÑA ACTING MINORITY LEADER TO PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRESENTING RESOLUTION TO 2- 35 (COR). I CALL UPON *I MAGA'HÁGA* GOVERNOR OF GUAM LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO TO PRESENT THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION. AT THIS TIME I INVITE *I MAGA'HÁGA* GOVERNOR LOU LEON GUERRERO THE CHIEF JUSTICE MARAMAN TO JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THE OFFICIAL WREATH OF GUAM. I CALL UPON MAYOR MELISSA SAVARES MAYOR OF DEDEDO AND PRESIDENT OF THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF GUAM AND MAYOR JESSE ALIG MAYOR OF *PITI* TO PRESENT THE MAYORAL CERTIFICATE AND THE MAYORAL WREATH. AT THIS TIME I CALL UPON THE HONORABLE PHILLIP F. CARBALIBITY CARABULLIDO ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM TO DELIVER THE EULOGY.

PHILLIP F. CARBULLIDO (ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM): GOOD MORNING GOVERNOR LOU LEON GUERRERO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOSH TENORIO SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES CHIEF JUSTICE KATHERINE MARAMAN DISTINGUISHED LEADERS AND GUESTS AND MOST ESPECIALLY THE GUMATAOTAO FAMILY TONY OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU YOUR CHILDREN ROBERT KEVIN MANNY YVETTE AND VINCENT AND BEN'S OTHER CHILDREN FRED SABLAN ATTORNEY GARY GUMATAOTAO BETSY HUSSY GLENN GUMATAOTAO LISA PERKINS AND YOUR FAMILIES I GIVE THIS EULOGY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF BEING A NEIGHBOR OF BEN AND TONY IN THE VILLAGE OF *PITI* FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO WAS A MAN OF CONVICTION WHO THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF 91 YEARS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO GOD HIS FAMILY HIS ISLAND AND HIS COUNTRY MAYOR BEN WAS A MEMBER OF OUR ISLANDS GREATEST GENERATION WHO ENDURED HORRIFIC ATROCITIES DURING WORLD WAR II OCCUPATION ON GUAM HE RECOUNTED THAT HE WAS BEATEN BY THE ENEMY AND SHOT DURING THE BATTLE OF GUAM'S LIBERATION IN 1944 WHILE THE WAR WOULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PAIN AND SUFFERING FOR MAYOR BEN AND THOUSANDS OF CHAMORRO MEN AND WOMEN IT ALSO SPURRED IN HIM A SENSE OF DUTY AND PATRIOTISM TO SERVE HIS ISLAND AND HIS NATION HIS EXPERIENCES DURING THE WAR WOULD HELP GUIDE HOW HE CARED FOR HIS FAMILY HIS FRIENDS AND HIS CONSTITUENTS IN *PITI* HIS DAUGHTER YVETTE RECENTLY TOLD ME THAT WHENEVER SHE WOULD WALK INTO THE HOUSE AFTER WORK THE FIRST THING OUT OF MAYOR BEN'S MOUTH WAS WHAT DO YOU ALL WANT TO EAT FOR DINNER THE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT EAT TOO LATE THEY NEED TO BE HEALTHY TO GROW UP DON'T LET THEM STARVE LIKE WHAT I WENT THROUGH DURING THE WAR AND THAT WAS BEN'S NATURE HE WAS ALWAYS THINKING OF OTHERS AND DOING WHATEVER HE COULD TO HELP THOSE IN NEED I RECALL THAT DURING TYPHOON *CHATAN* AND IN 2002 THE RAINS WERE SO HEAVY THAT THEY OVERWHELMED THE DRAINS IN NIMITZ HILL AND WATER WAS POOLING IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE THREATENING TO FLOOD IN MY RESIDENCE AND FORCED MY FAMILY TO EVACUATE TO SAFER GROUND AND THE MIDDLE OF THE TYPHOON UNBEKNOWNST TO MY FAMILY OR ME MAYOR BEN WENT OUT TO CLEAR THE DRAINS IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE WHILE HE WAS OUT THERE THE WINDS PICKED UP AND WATER WAS FLOWING EVEN FASTER FORMING A RIVER BESIDE MY HOUSE THAT RAGED OVER THE CLIFF LINE BEN'S YOUNGEST SON VINCENT WOULD LATER TELL ME THAT HE WANTED TO TIE A ROPE AROUND HIMSELF AND ANCHOR IT TO A TREE SO THAT HE COULD LOOK FOR HIS DAD WITHOUT BEING SWEEPED DOWN THE RAGING WATER AND OVER THE CLIFF LINE THANKFULLY MAYOR BEN BEING THE RESOURCEFUL PERSON THAT HE IS WOULD FIND SHELTER IN A SMALL CONCRETE NOOK IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE AFTER WHAT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY TO VINCE AND TONY WHEN THE WINDS LED UP BEN FINISHED CLEARING THE DRAINS WENT BACK INTO HIS HOME UPON ENSURING THAT MY HOME AND OTHERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD NOT BE FLOODED MAYOR BEN WAS BRAVE A TRAIT HE LEARNED DURING THE OCCUPATION AND HOME DURING HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY BEN WAS PROUD OF HIS MILITARY SERVICE IN HIS 28 YEAR CAREER HE

WOULD ATTAIN THE RANK OF YOU HAVE YOU'VE JUST HEARD OF MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER THE NAVY'S THE NAVY'S HIGHEST ENLISTED RANK WHILE MAYOR BEN'S TIME IN THE NAVY WOULD PULL HIM FAR FROM HOME AND HIS ISLAND HE NEVER FORGOT HIS ROOTS OR DRIFTED FAR FROM OUR SHORES IT WAS DURING HIS TIME IN THE NAVY THAT BEN LEARNED TO COOK AND BOY WAS HE A SKILLED CHEF IN THE KITCHEN HE MADE THE BEST T-BONE STEAK AND WAS ALWAYS FINDING REASONS TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AROUND A DINNER TABLE AFTER MY HEART BYPASS SURGERY IN 2000 MY FAMILY'S DIET WAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED AND WE SELDOM ATE RED MEAT OR ADDED SALT TO OUR FOOD MY CHILDREN WOULD OFTEN EAT DINNER AT OUR HOME THEN WALK ACROSS THE STREET TO BEN AND TONY'S HOUSE TO QUOTE STUDY CLOSE QUOTE WITH THEIR CHILDREN OF TEN KNOWING THAT UNCLE BEN WOULD HAVE COOKED UP MORE FLAVORFUL *CHAMORU* BISTEAK AND SHRIMP WITH LOTS OF BUTTER FAYE WOULD OFTEN WONDER WHY MY CHILDREN WOULD HAVE SUCH SMALL APPETITES AT OUR DINNER TABLE BUT SWEETHEART IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR COOKING FOLLOWING SUPER TYPHOON *PONGSONA* GUAM WAS DEVASTATED AND WITHOUT POWER OR RUNNING WATER FOR SEVERAL WEEKS MANY FAMILIES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WERE UNABLE TO COOK AND FOOD WAS THREATENING TO SPOIL YET IN THAT DIFFICULT TIME BEN BROUGHT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER EMPTYING OUR FREEZERS AND COOKING AMAZING MEALS FROM THE FOOD THAT WERE BOUGHT BROUGHT FROM THE NEIGHBORS THOSE WERE SOME OF THE BEST TIMES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT HELPED TO MAKE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WE AS AN ISLAND WERE EXPERIENCING MORE BEARABLE THAT WAS THE LEADER AND NEIGHBOR BEN WAS HE FOUND THE GOOD IN EVERYTHING MADE THE MOST OF EACH SITUATION BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER AND ENSURED ALL WERE TAKEN CARE OF IN 2004 BEN RAN TO BE THE MAYOR OF *PITI* TONY RECENTLY RECALLED WHEN BEN FIRST TOLD HER HE WANTED TO RUN FOR MAYOR IT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND HE WOKE HER UP TO SAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO RUN FOR MAYOR AND HE WAS GOING TO WIN BEN WAS CONFIDENT I AM SORRY *MALI* (COMADRE) TONY THAT MAYOR BEN COULD NOT WAIT TO THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO LET YOU KNOW BEN WON THAT ELECTION AND HE WENT ON TO BE A TIRELESS AND PASSIONATE MAYOR FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS MAYOR BEN TOOK GREAT STRIDES TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN WAS SAFE IN THE VILLAGE HE WAS A STRICT ENFORCER OF GUAM'S LAWS PARTICULARLY TARGETING SPEEDING CARS FLYING DOWN MARINE CORPS DRIVE AND THREATENING THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY MAYOR BEN BELIEVED THAT IT WAS PARTLY HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE ROADS IN THE VILLAGE WERE SAFE SO HE JUMPED IN THE *PITI'S* MAYOR OFFICE TRUCK TURN ON THE FLASHING LIGHTS AND ENFORCED THE SPEED LIMIT FOR EVERY DRIVER WHO MADE THE MISTAKE OF SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF *PITI* WHEN HE SAW ME IN CHURCH ONE SUNDAY MORNING AFTER SOME PUBLICITY REGARDING HIS PEACE OFFICER ROLE HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS NOT WORRIED BECAUSE HE HAD CONSULTED MY SON BRANDON WHO WAS FRESH OUT OF LAW SCHOOL I WAS AFRAID TO ASK MY SON BRANDON WHAT HE ADVICE HE GAVE HIS UNCLE BEN BUT I WAS EVEN MORE AFRAID TO ASK IF UNCLE BEN EVEN CALLED MAYOR BEN WAS A TOUGH FIGHTER SOMETHING I'M SURE MAYOR NITO BLAS KNOWS ALL ABOUT BUT PLEASE DON'T LET HIM SAY I KNOW THAT I SAID THAT MAYOR BEN WORKED DILIGENTLY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED WAS BEST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HE WORKED TO IMPROVE THE *PITI'S* PARKS ADDRESSED THE STRAY DOGS PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGE UNDERTAKE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AND CLEANUP PROJECTS HELP CARE FOR THE VETERANS CEMETERY EXPAND SERVICES TO THE *MANÁMKO* (SENIOR CITIZENS) AND MANY MORE VILLAGE PROJECTS HE TOOK JESSE ALIG UNDER HIS WING AND NOW MAYOR JESSE IS BUILDING ON THE GOOD THINGS HE LEARNED FROM HIS PREDECESSOR AND BECAUSE OF HIS ADVOCACY WITH LOCAL AND FEDERAL LEADERS I AM INFORMED THE FORMER USO FACILITY AND BEACH IN *PITI* MAY BE RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE AS PART OF THE LANDS TO BE RETURNED BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY MAYOR BEN HAD A DEEP FAITH IN GOD FAITH HE AND TONY INSTILLED IN THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN THAT THEY LIVED OUT EVERY DAY ESPECIALLY IN THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE THY NEIGHBOR TODAY TOGETHER THEY WERE ARDENT SUPPORTERS OF *PITI* CHURCH AS LONGTIME LEADERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AS LECTORS AND AS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS BEN AND TONY WERE GENEROUS DONORS TO THE TO THE *PITI* PARISH AND YOU COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON THEM TO HELP SET UP AND CLEAN UP AFTER CHURCH FUNDRAISERS AND *FIESTAS* (PARTIES) BEN'S FAITH IN GOD WAS HIS STRENGTH AND HE LIVED HIS FAITH IN ALL THAT HE DID BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY BEN WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND A LOVING FATHER AND GRANDFATHER HE MET TONY LATER IN LIFE AND THEY CARED FOR EACH OTHER'S CHILDREN AND THEIR OWN WITH UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT TO ROBERT KEVIN MANNY SONNY BOY TO MOST OF US YVETTE AND VINCE YOUR DAD WAS EXTRAORDINARILY PROUD OF EACH OF YOU HE LOVED NURTURING YOU AS YOU GREW UP AND HE WAS IMMENSELY PROUD TO WHAT YOU BUILT YOUR OWN FAMILIES I KNOW HE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH DOWN ON YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ALWAYS GUIDING YOU AS HE DID IN LIFE AND FIND JOY THAT YOU WILL TEACH YOUR CHILDREN LESSONS AND MEMORIES THAT HE PASSED ON TO YOU AND TO HIS BELOVED WIFE TONY *MALI*

(COMADRE) *PARI* (COMPADRE) BEN LOVED YOU DEARLY AND AS AND FOR AS LONG AS FATE AS FAYE AND I HAVE KNOWN YOU YOU AND BEN SHARED A SPECIAL INSEPARABLE BOND YOU WERE HIS SOUL MATE AND HIS ROCK AND TOGETHER YOU RAISED A BEAUTIFUL FAMILY ONE THAT FAYE AND I AND OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO SEE AS AN EXTENSION OF OURS *PARI* (COMPADRE) MAY NO LONGER BE WITH US BUT HE WILL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR HEART OUR ISLAND HAS LOST A DEDICATED SELFLESS PUBLIC SERVANT AND SON OF GUAM AND EACH OF US GATHERED HERE THIS MORNING HAVE LOST A FRIEND A BROTHER AN IN-LAW A COUSIN AND UNCLE A FATHER GRANDFATHER AND HUSBAND TODAY WE RECOGNIZE AND THANK MAYOR VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO FOR HIS SERVICE FOR HIS UNSELFISHNESS AND FOR HIS FILLING OUR LIVES WITH LOVE LAUGHTER AND SO MANY LESSONS AND MEMORIES THAT WE WILL CHERISH FOREVER MAYOR BEN WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BUT HIS LEGACY AND EXAMPLE WILL LIVE ON IN HIS FAMILY AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM MAY ETERNAL REST BE GRANTED UNTO HIM O LORD AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE *PUES ADIOS ESTA KI* (GOODBYE UNTIL LATER) MAYOR *PARI* (COMPADRE) *SI YU'OS UN BENIDISI* (THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU).

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AT THIS TIME I INVITE *I MAGA'HÅGA, I SEGUNDO MAGA'LÅHI*, CHIEF JUSTICE, MEMBERS OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*, HONORED GUESTS AND FRIENDS TO BID FAREWELL TO THE LATE HONORABLE VICENTE "BEN" GUMATAOTAO, FORMER MAYOR OF *PITI*. AT THIS TIME I CALL UPON REVEREND FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN TO DELIVER THE BENEDICTION LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLEASE RISE.

REVEREND FATHER PAUL GOFIGAN (LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAIN): HOLY LORD ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR YOUR SERVANT VICENTE DIAZ GUMATAOTAO WHOM YOU HAVE SUMMONED OUT OF THIS WORLD FORGIVE HIS SINS AND FAILINGS AND GRANT HIM A PLACE OF REFRESHMENT LIGHT AND PEACE LET HIM PASS UNHARMED THROUGH THE GATES OF DEATH TO DWELL WITH THE BLESSED IN LIGHT AS YOU PROMISED ABRAHAM AND HIS CHILDREN FOREVER ACCEPT VICENTE INTO YOUR SAFEKEEPING AND ON THE GREAT DAY OF JUDGEMENT RAISE THEM UP WITH ALL THE SAINTS TO INHERIT YOUR ETERNAL KINGDOM WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD THE LORD BE WITH YOU AND MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU THE FATHER THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN PLEASE BE SEATED MAJORITY LEADER VISE SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER SENATOR NELSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MAJORITY LEADER NELSON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* (THANK YOU) MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND TO ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE BEING NONE THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

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