

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and honoring Alejandro Teodoro Blas Lizama for his participation in the archeological, historical and cultural preservation of the legacy of the people of Guam, and for his excellent renderings of historic sites and artifacts; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his outstanding commitment to promoting the knowledge of Guam's past history for the present and future generations of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, Alejandro Teodoro Blas Lizama was born in 1946 on Guam. He
4 is the son of Vicente Santos Lizama and Magdalena Blas Lizama, and he grew up on a
5 typical *Chamorro* ranch where he learned the customs and traditions of our people
6 from his parents; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Alejandro attended school on Guam and then worked at Hawaiian
8 Rock to help support his family, until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965 when
9 he was nineteen (19) years old; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Alejandro Teodoro Blas Lizama served his country bravely in the
11 Vietnam War, earning the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and other medals,
12 for his courageous military service; and

13 **WHEREAS**, upon his return to Guam after serving in Vietnam, Alejandro
14 attended the University of Guam to study Mechanical and Architectural Drafting, and
15 took classes in Anthropology after being encouraged by Dr. Ted Burkdaahl; and

16 **WHEREAS**, these classes led Alejandro to his decision to concentrate on doing
17 pen and ink drawings of Guam and its people, resources, environment and historical
18 artifacts, and this became an irreplaceable resource for the people of our Island; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1974, Alejandro participated in the initial survey of Guam's
20 historical and archaeological sites, which were eventually placed on the Guam and
21 National Registers of Historic Places, and the survey team, led by Dr. Fred M.
22 Reinman, surveyed and inventoried about four-fifths (4/5) of the island's
23 archaeological sites; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alejandro Lizama worked at the Department of Parks and
25 Recreation, Historic Preservation Office (HPO) as an Archeological Technician and

1 Historic Preservations Specialist for twenty-four (24) years before retiring in 2000;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Alejandro Lizama has made significant contributions in the
4 depictions of the ancient imagery of Guam, using pointillism; and with his eye to
5 historical accuracy and his love of detail, his work reminds our people of what life
6 may have been like during the time of our ancestors; and

7 **WHEREAS**, to this day, Alejandro continues on the path of preserving the
8 *Chamorro* culture and promoting the knowledge of Guam's past through his art; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) has chosen to
10 officially and publicly recognize Alejandro Lizama for his contributions to our
11 community at the Third (3rd) Annual MARC and Charter Day Event; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
15 of Guam, recognize and commend Mr. Alejandro Teodoro Blas Lizama for his service
16 and dedication to the people of Guam and Micronesia; and does further extend a
17 sincere *Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to him for his important undertakings, and
18 for his outstanding commitment to promoting the knowledge of Guam's past history
19 for the present and future generations of Guam; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
21 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
22 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Alejandro Teodoro Blas Lizama; and to the
23 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON 11TH THE DAY
OF MARCH 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

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