

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on the occasion of the observance of the One Hundred Thirteenth (113<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines.**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**  
3        **WHEREAS,** the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the  
4 Philippines is observed every year on the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) of June; and

1       **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence through  
2 the sacrifices of many Filipino heroes, such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the National Hero of the  
3 Philippines, who wrote “Noli Me Tangere” (The Lost Eden), which popularized the  
4 independence sentiment, and whose execution by the Spanish fostered public outrage  
5 and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led the Cry of Balintawak; General Emilio  
6 Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle of Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known  
7 as the “Sublime Paralytic”, and the “Brain of the Revolution”; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas, such  
9 as Melchora Aquino, known as “Tandang Sora”, who was exiled to the Marianas by  
10 the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28) year old teacher, who  
11 was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and other Filipina heroines from  
12 all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary Forces; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on June  
14 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines’ Independence at  
15 his home town of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people from the provinces  
16 gathered to witness this historic event, including the dramatic unfurling of the  
17 Philippine Flag while the Philippine National Anthem was being played in public for  
18 the first time, after which the “Act of the Declaration of Independence” was solemnly  
19 read by its author, Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American  
20 Declaration of Independence; and

21       **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of Municipal  
22 Presidents, and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines in  
23 Malolos, Bulacan, on September 1898, as an expression of the sovereign will of the  
24 Filipino people; and

25       **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam annually celebrates Philippine  
26 Independence Day, and the numerous contributions that Filipinos have made to our

1 island, and this year they have planned for various activities, such as the Filipino  
2 Community of Guam's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna Guam  
3 Hotel on June 10, 2011; the Filipino-American Golf Tournament on June 11, 2011; a  
4 flag-raising ceremony at the Philippine Consulate Office of Guam at the ITC  
5 Building; an Independence Day Mass at *San Vitores* Church in *Tumon*; a wreath-  
6 laying ceremony at the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in *Asan* on June 12,  
7 2011; and a Water Festival at *Ypao* Beach on June 26, 2011; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Filipino Community  
10 of Guam on the occasion of the observance of the One Hundred Thirteenth (113th)  
11 Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the  
12 Philippines; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
14 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Dr.  
15 Filomena M. Cantoria and her family; to Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, Dean of the  
16 University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration; to Ms. Leah Beth  
17 Naholowaa, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani  
18 Mercado, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; and to the Honorable Edward  
19 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY 2011.**



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Speaker



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