

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2011 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 139-31 (COR)**

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Apalit  
Association of Guam on the celebration of their 2011 Apalit  
Town Fiesta.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the first Apalit Town Fiesta on Guam was celebrated on June 28,  
4        1992 at the *Inarajan* Beach Park by a group of Filipino contract workers from the  
5        B.W. Corporation. The workers celebrated the traditional “Apu Iru” Fluvial  
6        Procession, which is held along the Pampanga River, because they were unable to

1 return to their hometown of Apalit, Pampanga, Philippines, for the actual Apalit Town  
2 Fiesta; and

3       **WHEREAS**, this very first celebration held on Guam was led by Al Asuncion,  
4 and Paul and Vilma Bautista. They were also joined in the festivities by other friends  
5 and co-workers of the B.W. Corporation; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the first party at the *Inarajan* Beach Park was held to  
7 commemorate “libad” during the feast of their patron saint, St. Peter the Apostle, and  
8 the group repeated the celebration in 1993 and 1994; and

9       **WHEREAS**, in 1995, most of the workers who had celebrated the Fiesta ended  
10 their employment contracts and moved back to the Philippines, so there was no Apalit  
11 Town Fiesta held from 1995 to 1997; and

12       **WHEREAS**, by 1998 many of the contract workers were back on Guam and  
13 the tradition of the Fiesta was revived with a celebration at *Matapang* Beach Park; and

14       **WHEREAS**, the Apalit Town Fiesta was so well-attended in 1998 that the  
15 venue for the next year was changed to *Ypao* Beach Park to accommodate the growing  
16 number of people who wished to join in on the celebration; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the yearly celebrations continued to grow and were attended by  
18 other “Pampanguenos” from other towns of Pampanga, Philippines, and *Chamorros*  
19 from around the island; and

20       **WHEREAS**, as part of the growing celebration, Mr. Roger Estrada, of Estrada  
21 Auto Repair Shop, was chosen as the first (1<sup>st</sup>) “Hermano Mayor” for the year 2000;  
22 followed by Mr. Goding Torres in 2001; Mr. Arnold Dalusong in 2002; Mr. Edilberto  
23 “Edel” Binuya in 2003; Mr. Ignacio Mercado in 2004; Mr. Rufino Lopez in 2005; Ms.  
24 Caridad Padilla in 2006; and Mr. Honorio Timeteo in 2007; and

1       **WHEREAS**, in 2004, the Apalit Association of Guam was established, with its  
2 Articles and By-Laws filed and registered with the Department of Revenue and  
3 Taxation; and

4       **WHEREAS**, in 2006, through the efforts of some of the Association's  
5 members, a grand statue of St. Peter was ordered from the Philippines and used in the  
6 annual celebration; and

7       **WHEREAS**, by 2008, the yearly Apalit Town Fiesta had grown so big that the  
8 "Hermano Mayor" position to chair the event was increased to two (2) positions, and  
9 so in 2008, Paul and Vilma Bautista, and Gloria Padilla were chosen as the  
10 chairpersons; Andy and Emma Gonzales, and Nestor and Lee Chan as the  
11 chairpersons in 2009; and Daniel and Jovita Manuel, and Al and Emily Asuncion as  
12 the chairpersons in 2010; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the 2010 Apalit Town Fiesta had the first (1<sup>st</sup>) "Fluvial  
14 Procession" held on Guam, with the image of St. Peter in a makeshift barge pulled by  
15 devotees along the waters of *Ypao* and *Matapang* beaches with the music of the Guam  
16 Territorial Band playing. The festivities caught the attention of tourists, the Philippine  
17 Consulate Office, and the Filipino Community of Guam; and

18       **WHEREAS**, this year's 2011 Apalit Town Fiesta will be held at *Ypao* Beach  
19 Park on June 26, 2011, and is chaired by Dan and Eden Binuya, and Sixto and Amelia  
20 Bautista, in conjunction with Philippine Independence Day celebrations throughout  
21 the island; now therefore, be it

22       **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*  
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
24 people of Guam, congratulate and commend the Apalit Association of Guam on the  
25 celebration of their 2011 Apalit Town Fiesta, and on keeping their traditions of their  
26 first (1<sup>st</sup>) home alive here on the island; and be it further

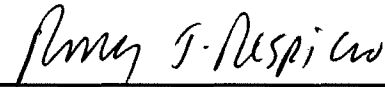
1       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Apalit Association of Guam; and to the  
4 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY  
OF JUNE 2011.**



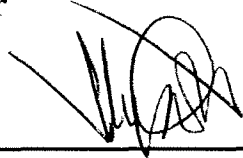
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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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