

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

Resolution No. 143-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending the Aklan Association of Guam on the Induction of new Officers and Board of Directors; and to further congratulating them on their Forty-Sixth (46th) Year Anniversary of service and dedication to the island of Guam and the Province of Aklan, Philippines.

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

WHEREAS, the Province of Aklan was officially established on April 25, 1956, by Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay with the signing of Republic Act 1414; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Aklan is known as one of the oldest provinces in the Philippines,
2 with people settling there as early as the year 1213, and it is now comprised of
3 seventeen (17) municipalities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the people of Aklan take great pride in their commemoration of
5 *Ati-Atihan*, a festival celebrated on the third (3rd) Sunday of every month to honor the
6 *Santo Niño*; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Aklan Association of Guam was first established in 1965, and
8 since then they have kept this *Ati-Atihan* tradition alive in the Guam community; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Aklan Association of Guam has made many selfless
10 contributions to the island community through volunteerism, service and support; and

11 **WHEREAS**, one of their contributions includes the annual display of the *Ati-*
12 *Atihan* during the *Señor Santo Niño* Fiesta, which is spearheaded by the *Santo Niño*
13 Guam 2000 Organization, which is comprised of devotees from the provinces of
14 Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, Leyte, Samar and Capiz; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the *Señor Santo Niño* Fiesta is celebrated annually on the second
16 (2nd) Sunday of January with a Mass at the *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral
17 Basilica, and followed by a procession accompanied by the Aklan *Ati-Atihan*
18 drummers; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Aklan drummers have also provided their services by
20 participating in the 2011 Relay for Life; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Aklan Association of Guam has provided financial assistance
22 to its members for off-island medical treatment; and

23 **WHEREAS**, individual Aklanons are also engaged in volunteer work to assist
24 at health fairs, and to help ensure that the *Man'amko* of the island receive their
25 medication and Medicare coverage; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Aklans have donated wheelchairs to the Guam Memorial
2 Hospital to help assist with their need for equipment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, many members of the Aklan Association of Guam have made
4 considerable donations to assist the victims of the recent earthquake and tsunami in
5 Japan; and

6 **WHEREAS**, among its many notable civic improvement projects, the Aklan
7 Association of Guam made the generous contribution of a picnic shelter at the *Ypao*
8 Beach Park, and also donated funds to help with the beautification of the Archbishop
9 Felixberto Flores Statue in *Tamuning*; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, the Aklan Association of Guam made a monetary
11 donation to the provincial government of Aklan, which was presented by Ms. Tiberio,
12 to assist the flood victims of Kalibo and nearby municipalities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Aklan Association of Guam has elected new officials for 2011
14 through 2013; and the following twelve (12) individuals were elected as Officers:

15 President - Annie V. Payne

16 First Vice President - Susan S. Ibit

17 Second Vice President - Patrick S. Luces

18 Secretary - Madelaine M. Luces

19 Asst. Secretary - Rowena C. Tydingco

20 Treasurer - Cecilia T. Solidum

21 Asst. Treasurer - Cathy M. Solidum

22 Auditor - Jocelyn Baja

23 Business Manager - Lawrence S. Luces

24 PRO - Andrew T. Solidum

25 Peace Officer - Bernie S. Solidum

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1 **WHEREAS**, the following individuals have been elected to serve as members
2 of the Aklan Association of Guam's Board of Directors: Marcy C. Andres, Ma.
3 Winsey M. Banes, Julie M. Cabales, Ethel S.M. Conlu, Saturnino Conlu, Erlinda C.
4 Flores, Narciso M. Ibit, Lilia Laurente, Aida S. Lucas, Marivie M. Lucas, Mildred
5 Saber, Dory A. Solidum, MD, Amelia I. Solidum, Belmina Soliva, and Consuelo
6 Tabanar; now therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
8 *LiheSlaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I LiheSlaturan Guåhan* and the people
9 of Guam, commend and congratulate the Aklan Association of Guam on the occasion
10 of their Forty-Sixth (46th) Year Anniversary, and on the induction of their new
11 Officers & Board of Directors; and does further extend a warm *Un Dangkulo Na Si*
12 *Yu'us* to its members for their unselfish dedication and the invaluable contributions
13 they have made to Guam and the Province of Aklan, Philippines over the past forty-
14 six (46) years; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
16 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
17 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Aklan Association of Guam; and to the
18 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 23RD DAY
OF JUNE 2011.**



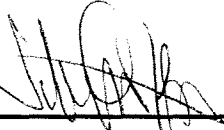
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Legislative Secretary