

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments of the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities on the occasion of the Council's Twentieth (20th) Anniversary, to be celebrated on August 12, 2011.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS**, in April 1991, the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities
4 was established in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and they will
5 celebrate their Twentieth (20th) Anniversary with a special dinner event on August 12,
6 2011; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Council has maintained its nonprofit status under the
2 501(c)(3) tax status since 1991, and its mission is to “foster awareness, understanding
3 and appreciation for the humanities through support of educational programs that
4 relate to the humanities of the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and
5 interests of the people of the Commonwealth”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Council is governed by a thirteen (13) member Board of
7 Directors, and the current Officers are: Tracy M. Guerrero, Chair; Jerold Facey, Vice-
8 Chair; and Joann T. Aquino, Secretary-Treasurer; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Council is affiliated with and receives annual grant support
10 from the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities, and they have awarded
11 approximately Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$890,000) in outright cash
12 awards for one hundred fifty-three (153) individual grants over the past twenty (20)
13 years; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Council is designated as an “educational institution”, thus
15 making them eligible to receive public donations under the Education Tax Credit
16 Program; and they administer a variety of high quality programs and educational
17 initiatives, and has become a respected community-based organization that is
18 recognized for their commitment to promoting lifelong learning in the humanities; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Council, in advancing its mission, has established
20 collaborative relationships with a wide variety of local, regional, and international
21 institutions, organizations, and individuals, including the Richard F. Taitano
22 Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) at the University of Guam; and it has
23 established a new collaborative relationship with the Guam Preservation Trust, which
24 will involve organizing and conducting a Marianas-wide History Conference in 2012;
25 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Council has given priority to the study, preservation, and
2 appreciation of the indigenous language, culture, and history of the Mariana Islands;
3 and has also sponsored programs that explore, document, and recognize the many
4 contributions made by the non-indigenous residents of the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Mariana Islands; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Council has many current programs, among which are: the
7 nationally-recognized Motherread/Fatheread Program that teaches parents and children
8 literacy skills; the Teachers Institute that provides kindergarten to twelfth (12th) grade
9 classroom teachers with a solid overview of the history of the Mariana Islands; a
10 weekly radio show that provides a wide-ranging humanities-based programming; the
11 Micronesian Authors Initiative that publishes the works of indigenous writers; the
12 diversified classroom programs that engage students in the humanities at an early age,
13 such as the Sengebau Poetry Competition, the Junior High Mock Trial Program, the
14 Covenant Day Debate, and programs exploring multi-culturalism; an initiative to
15 promote geo-tourism in the Commonwealth to foster sustainable economic
16 development and to establish an authentic sense of place for both visitors and
17 residents; the Community Lecture Series on humanities topics of interest to the public;
18 a National Science Foundation supported multi-year project to revise the
19 *Chamorro/English* dictionary; and a digital database of primary source documents and
20 images needed to facilitate the study of local history; now therefore, be it

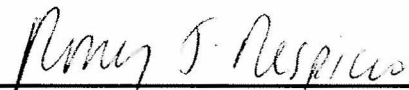
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
23 of Guam, recognize the many accomplishments of the Northern Mariana Islands
24 Council for the Humanities over the last twenty (20) years, and congratulate the
25 Council on its widely-recognized historic and cultural preservation efforts; and does
26 honor the Council for their desire to further service the Northern Mariana Islands with

1 public programs that explore the community's expanding intellectual interests, such as
2 diversity/multiculturalism and governance; and that engage national humanities
3 initiatives, such as promoting civic discourse and bridging cultures; and be it further
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the
7 Humanities; and to the 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 10TH DAY
OF AUGUST 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary