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

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Relative to congratulating Donald Muña and Kelly Muña for their professional contributions to Guam in the creation of the first annual Guam International Film Festival; and to further commending them for their great achievement as visionaries and ambassadors of Guam and Micronesia through the medium of film.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

## 2 MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- 3 WHEREAS, brothers Donald and Kelly Muña are the sons of Mr. and Mrs.
- 4 Juan and Guadalupe Muña; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Kelly Muña is married to Naomi Castro-Muña, and they have two
- 6 (2) sons, Elijah J. Reyes and Seth Michael Muña; and
- WHEREAS, Donald Muña has one (1) daughter, Ezri Adina Muña; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Kelly Muña graduated in 2002 from the Full Sail University
- 2 School of Film, and was the Class Valedictorian, and he later joined San Francisco's
- 3 KTVU News Channel team; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Donald and Kelly Muña, also known as "Don" and "Kel", began
- 5 their professional careers on Guam, having worked at Pacific Telestations, Glimpses
- 6 Advertising and Sorenson Media Group, and they then moved to the U.S. mainland to
- 7 further their education and gain experience; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the first annual Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) is
- 9 founded and organized by these local filmmakers; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, this highly-anticipated inaugural event is slated to begin on
- 11 Friday, September 30, 2011, and last through Sunday, October 2, 2011, at the
- 12 Micronesia Mall Stadium Theaters; and
- WHEREAS, the three (3)-day cinematic event will showcase one hundred
- 14 (100) film submissions spanning eighteen (18) different countries from around the
- 15 world; and
- 16 WHEREAS, twenty (20) of these films are Guam-related; and
- 17 **WHEREAS**, the Guam International Film Festival will feature special events,
- including screenings of international independent films, filmmaking workshops, gala
- 19 events, and awards ceremonies; and
- 20 **WHEREAS**, the Guam International Film Festival will be presenting feature
- 21 length movies and short films in the following categories: Narrative, Documentary,
- 22 Animation, Made in the Marianas, Student Under 18, Music Videos, and Mobile
- 23 Short; and
- 24 WHEREAS, the finale of the 2011 Guam International Film Festival will be
- 25 the 2011 GIFF Award Ceremonies on October 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a grand jury comprised of film industry professionals will be judging the films in competition; and

WHEREAS, the Guam International Film Festival serves to promote Guam's unique brand throughout the world, furthers the island's budding cinema industry, and inspires youth throughout our island to pursue a career in the arts and humanities; and

WHEREAS, such activities enhance our quality of life; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Donald Muña and Kelly Muña for their professional contributions to Guam in the creation of the first annual Guam International Film Festival, which will bring recognition to Guam and Micronesia; and to further commending them for their great achievement as visionaries and ambassadors of Guam and Micronesia through the medium of film; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Donald Muña; to Mr. Kelly Muña; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

BENJAMIN J.F. CRU

**Acting Speaker** 

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