

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

Resolution No. 274-31 (COR)

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Relative to congratulating the Japan Club of Guam on the occasion of the Thirty-Second (32nd) Japan Autumn Festival; to commending our brothers and sisters of the Japanese community on Guam for their contributions to our island; and to further extending a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to them for their long lasting friendship with the people of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 26, 2011, the Japan Club of Guam and**
4 **the Japanese community residing on Guam will celebrate the Thirty-Second (32nd)**

1 Japan Autumn Festival at *Ypao* Beach Park, an annual event organized by the Japan
2 Club of Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Festival was started to show appreciation to the Gods for a
4 good harvest, and has its origin in the autumn festival, which is an event that is held
5 every autumn because it is the season when rice grains, the Japanese food staple,
6 ripens, and *sake* (rice wine) is also brewed from the rice; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Japan Club Autumn Festival was first held in 1979 when the
8 Japan Club Directors considered to make the Japanese children who live here on
9 Guam become more aware of their Japanese customs and culture; and

10 **WHEREAS**, during the first Autumn Festival celebration, the Festival Stage
11 was handmade, and although the scale of the event was very small, the children who
12 participated in the event were very happy; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Katsunori Usui and his wife, Rika Usui, both active
14 members of the Japan Club of Guam, presented an “*omikoshi*” to the Japan Club of
15 Guam. *Omikoshi* is a portable shrine, which is the main attraction at the Festival, and
16 in Japan it is believed that the Gods dwell there; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the event has expanded and now has become a huge event in
18 Guam. In recent years, more than thirty thousand (30,000) local residents and tourists
19 alike have attended the autumn event to enjoy the Japanese and local entertainment,
20 the food, and games for the children. Various cultural groups from Japan are invited
21 to perform for the many attendees of the Festival; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Japan Club of Guam considers the Japan Autumn Festival as
23 an event that strengthens the relationship between the local residents and the Japanese
24 community; and

25 **WHEREAS**, this year’s Festival banner will read: “Arigato Guam, Thank You
26 Tomodachi” to sincerely thank all the corporations, business establishments and

1 residents of Guam who generously donated their time and money to assist the people
2 of Japan who were affected by a devastating earthquake and tsunami last March; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Japan Club of Guam, a non-profit organization founded in
4 1972, consists of one hundred twenty-four (124) corporate members, two hundred
5 thirty-five (235) private members, and twenty-five (25) associate members. As of
6 May 2011, the Japan Club of Guam has a membership total of one thousand eleven
7 (1,011) members; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Japan Club of Guam Officers are as follows: Chairman,
9 Toyohito Yoneyama; Vice Chairman, Yasuhide Torigoe; Vice Chairman, Hideki
10 Sakai; Secretary, Masayuki Tanaka; and Treasurer, Akihiro Tani; now therefore, be it

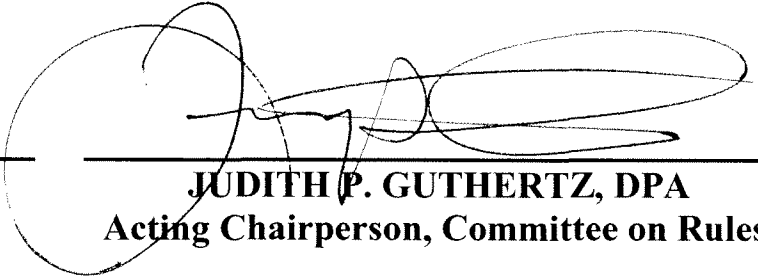
11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Japan Club of Guam on the occasion
14 of the Thirty-Second (32nd) Japan Autumn Festival; and does further extend *Un*
15 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to the Japanese community residing on Guam for
16 treating the people of Guam as their own family, for their invaluable contributions to
17 our island, and for their everlasting friendship with the people of Guam; and be it
18 further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
20 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
21 the same be thereafter transmitted to Katsunori Usui; to Toyohito Yoneyama,
22 Chairman, Japan Club of Guam; to Yoshiyuki Kimura, Japan Consul General; and to
23 the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

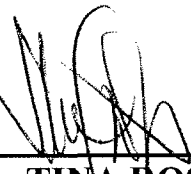
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 23RD DAY
OF NOVEMBER 2011.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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