

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating Julius Sotomayor Cena for his accomplishment in being chosen as one (1) of the ten (10) finalists of the 2012 *Cinemalaya* Philippine Independent Film Festival; and to further conveying best wishes to him as he competes in the Festival.

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

3 **WHEREAS, the *Cinemalaya* Philippine Independent Film Festival aims to**
4 **encourage and invigorate the filmmaking industry with the creation of new cinematic**
5 **works by developing a new breed of independent filmmakers who work freely with**
6 **fresh insight and artistic integrity; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Film Festival is now in its eighth (8th) year, and each year, ten
2 (10) fresh talents are given a seed grant in order to create the film of their dreams. The
3 films selected in the New Breed Full Length Category are then featured in a Festival
4 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines every July, and compete for the coveted
5 *Balanghai* Award. The next *Cinemalaya* Independent Film Festival is on July 20 to
6 29, 2012; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for *Cinemalaya* 2012, Guam's very own, Julius Sotomayor Cena
8 was chosen as one (1) of the ten (10) finalists in the New Breed Full-Length Feature
9 with his entry, "*Dayo*" (Alien); and

10 **WHEREAS**, Julius Sotomayor Cena was born on June 22, 1979, in Pandacan,
11 Manila, Philippines. His parents are Emelita Sotomayor and Alfredo Cena of *Dededo*.
12 He joined his family on Guam when he was fifteen (15) years old; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Julius graduated *Cum Laude* from the University of Guam after
14 taking courses for a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from school year 2000 to 2004. A
15 consistent Dean's List Member, Julius also received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in
16 Anthropology; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Julius is currently teaching Art classes for the third (3rd) and
18 eighth (8th) graders at the Santa Barbara Catholic School in *Dededo*. In between
19 teaching, Julius writes for publications and research. He was one of the authors of
20 *Higher Learning in the Pacific: Reflections on a Capstone Course at an Island*
21 *University*, which was published in 2005; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Julius also paints using acrylic, and he is an active member of
23 Filipino Artists on Guam; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Julius started his filmmaking endeavor in 2009 when he attended
25 the Summer Experimental Film Production at the University of the Philippines Film

1 Institute Surfacing Workshop with Sari Dalena. The outcome resulted with a short
2 experimental film titled, “*Fifteen Year Dream;*” and

3 **WHEREAS,** Julius also started attending numerous filmmaking and
4 scriptwriting workshops to improve his craft; and

5 **WHEREAS,** during the summer of 2009, Julius produced, edited, directed and
6 filmed his short film “*Lutrina,*” which was one of the 2011 Guam International Film
7 Festival film entries; and

8 **WHEREAS,** “*Lutrina*” was nominated as “Best Made in the Marianas,” and
9 “*Grand Jury,*” as “Best Short Film-Narrative;” and

10 **WHEREAS,** in September 2011, Julius submitted his film entry, “*Dayo,*” to the
11 *Cinemalaya* Foundation. His entry was chosen as one (1) of the top twenty-five (25)
12 finalists on October 25, 2011, and made it to the finals in the New Breed Full-Length
13 Feature Category. He signed the agreement on January 11, 2012 at the Cultural Center
14 of the Philippines with internationally acclaimed film actress and director, Laurice
15 Guillen; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Julius’ accomplishment was the first in the history of the
17 filmmaking industry on Guam; now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED,** that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
19 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
20 of Guam, commend and congratulate Julius Sotomayor Cena for his outstanding
21 achievements, and for making Guam proud with his accomplishments as a filmmaker;
22 and be it further

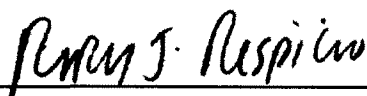
23 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
25 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Julius Sotomayor Cena; and to the
26 Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Legislative Secretary