

***I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to recognizing and commending Guam Echecs (Island Chess) for its efforts in teaching and promoting the game of chess on Guam; and establishing Guam as a member of the International Field of Chess Competitors.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2   ***GUÅHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, the game of chess has always been the game of royalty, with its  
4   origin dating back over two thousand (2,000) years ago; and

5        **WHEREAS**, on August 2010, the founders of Guam Echecs decided to create  
6   the association, and began the process of establishing the non-profit entity; and

1           **WHEREAS**, since its inception, Guam Echecs has met regularly at the *Harmon*  
2 McDonald's Restaurant to play and to promote the game of chess; and

3           **WHEREAS**, these meetings have brought public awareness to the game of  
4 chess, and have given chess players a venue to hone and sharpen their knowledge of  
5 the game; and

6           **WHEREAS**, Guam Echecs will also begin meeting at the *Dededo* Mall to  
7 promote the goal and objectives of the game to help better the community; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the primary goal of Guam Echecs is to teach and promote the  
9 fundamentals and niceties of the game of chess, a game which fosters a closer bond  
10 and camaraderie among school children, as well as people of all ages, sex, gender,  
11 and national origin; and

12           **WHEREAS**, Guam Echecs also tries to stimulate interest in the game of chess  
13 by virtue of holding local chess competitions, as well as off-island competitions which  
14 benefit the community; and

15           **WHEREAS**, in February and July 2011, two (2) major chess competitions were  
16 held at the Micronesia Mall, which drew a large number of participants; and

17           **WHEREAS**, people of all ages indulged in the aforementioned competitions,  
18 with its competitors ranging from twelve (12) to eighty (80) years of age; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the organization is now working hard in preparation for the 2012  
20 Guam International Chess Championship, to take place in February 2012; and

21           **WHEREAS**, through the showcasing of their abilities, composure, civil and  
22 moral attitudes, these chess players will eventually be Ambassadors of Guam in off-  
23 island competitions; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the Oceania Chess Federation has invited Guam Echecs to join the  
25 Chess Tournament to be held in Fiji in May 2012; and

1       **WHEREAS**, Guam Echecs will embark on fundraising activities to realize its  
2 goal of sending our local competitors to the aforementioned tournament; and

3       **WHEREAS**, the members of Guam Echecs, including the founding members,  
4 are: Mike Naholowaa, Leon Ryan, Mike Herreros, H.C. Moguel, Elmer Prudente,  
5 Joseph Garcia, Roberto Rodriguez and Miguel Herreros; and they are grateful for the  
6 support and sponsorships of the Micronesia Mall; Great National Insurance; the  
7 Pangasinan Association; Benson; PDN; Marianas Variety; Rambie's Restaurant, and  
8 many others; now therefore, be it

9       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
10 on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si*  
11 *Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the members of Guam Echecs, and the coordinators and sponsors,  
12 for their efforts in promoting and propagating the game of chess on Guam; and be it  
13 further

14       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
15 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Mike  
16 Naholowaa, President of Guam Echecs; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*  
17 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012.**



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary