

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 393-31 (LS)

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Historic
Inalahan Foundation Board of Directors and the people of
Inalahan as they celebrate the 2012 Coconut Festival in
conjunction with *I Fiestan* San Jose.**

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the Coconut Festival began through the efforts of the late
4 Monsignor Oscar Calvo, when he served as the San Jose Parish Priest after World
5 War II in 1947; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Coconut Festival was jointly celebrated with the Feast of
2 St. Joseph or *Patrocino* San Jose, which was held annually in honor of San Jose,
3 the Laborer; and

4 **WHEREAS**, because of the idea that the coconut is king due to its various
5 uses throughout history, it was the late Monsignor Oscar Calvo's intention to
6 celebrate the coconut by having an annual festival in the village of *Inalahan*; and

7 **WHEREAS**, long before World War II, Guam's economy was that of
8 farming, fishing and producing copra; with copra being the major cash crop and
9 principal export of Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because more than forty thousand (40,000) copra-producing
11 trees were destroyed during the retaking of the island in World War II, Father
12 Calvo encouraged the people to go back to the soil, plant coconuts and again
13 become exporters of copra, and other coconut products; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the commemoration and celebration of the Coconut
15 Festival, the three (3)-day event includes the display of agricultural produce,
16 livestock, and arts and crafts exhibits made by the people of *Inalahan*; and

17 **WHEREAS**, one of the highlights of the festival is the Queen's competition,
18 which provides an exciting focal point of the festival's many activities to promote
19 the significance of the celebration; and

20 **WHEREAS**, with every competition, the Queen candidates, their families
21 and sponsors work hard to sell the most tickets to raise money for the designated
22 project goal set by the parish; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the five (5) young ladies vying for this year's Coconut Festival
24 crown are Miss Tianna Jean Cruz; Miss Kristen Miren Edusada De Leon; Miss
25 Sara F. San Nicolas; Miss Christine D. Cruz; and Miss Clarene Mantanona; and

26 **WHEREAS**, *Inalahan* has held several other queen competitions through
27 the years since 1973, such as Miss *Chamorrita* and *La Rainan Patrocino*, whereby

1 these queen competitions continued to raise funds for worthy projects for the San
2 Jose parish, as well as for civic projects; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in addition to recognizing the Queen candidates for this year's
4 Coconut Festival, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* would also like to recognize Mr. Joseph
5 Afaisen as the Grand Marshal for the St. Joseph Fiesta Parade; and

6 **WHEREAS**, between 1950 and 1960, the coronation celebration was
7 augmented with a "*feria*", similar to the small county fairs held in the mainland;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, during the days of the "*feria*", many of our elders today will
10 recall the huge Ferris wheel that was brought to the fairgrounds by the late Frank
11 Cushing and his family; and

12 **WHEREAS**, over the years, snack booths and game booths were added to
13 the festival with colorful prizes for the winners of the various games of skill, which
14 later evolved into games of chance; and

15 **WHEREAS**, as we look forward to the Coconut Festival today, those who
16 remember the olden days of the Coconut Festival can proudly say that the
17 celebration still continues with color and pageantry; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation Board of Directors decided
19 to revive the Coconut Festival to recall *Inalahan's* historic association with the
20 coconut; and

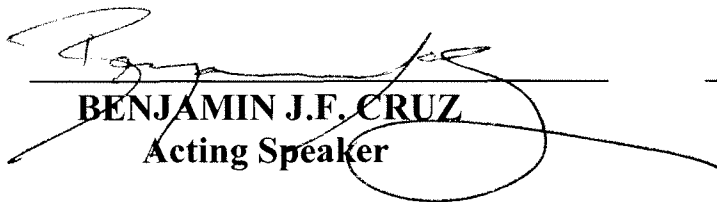
21 **WHEREAS**, the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation Board of Directors' project
22 goal for this year is to continue to raise funds to build an outdoor stage at *Gef*
23 *Pa'go*; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
25 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Historic
26 *Inalahan* Foundation Board of Directors and the people of *Inalahan* as they

1 celebrate the 2012 Coconut Festival, in conjunction with *I Fiestan* San Jose; and be
2 it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
4 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
5 Historic *Inalahan* Foundation Board of Directors, namely: Jesse L.G. Perez,
6 Chairman; Joey M. Paulino, Vice Chairman; Ann S.N. Concepcion, Secretary;
7 Chris M. Dueñas, Treasurer; Jessica Y. Quinata, Member; Derrick Lehman,
8 Member; Rick L.G. Meno, Member; JohnGlenn Taitague, Member; the Honorable
9 Franklin Taitague, Mayor of *Inarajan*, and Ex-Officio Member; Mr. Joseph
10 Afaisen, the St. Joseph Fiesta Parade Grand Marshal; Rev. Fr. Lonilo Torres,
11 Pastor of the St. Joseph Parish; Frank Diego, Jr. President of the St. Joseph Parish
12 Council; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2012.


BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker


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Acting Legislative Secretary