

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 420-31 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the parishioners of *Malojloj* as they commemorate the feast day of San Isidro, the farmer, the Patron Saint of their village, who has continually brought the people of the southern village together to celebrate spiritual guidance and abundant blessings, which are the source of practicing Catholic *Chamorro* traditions that remain symbolic to the island of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam cultivates its precious culture and traditions in
4 the many ways taught by generations before, and among these are the celebration of

1 village fiestas commemorating their patron saints, who intercede for the people of the
2 village; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this practice is celebrated annually in the various villages of
4 Guam to be shared not only with the people of the village, but also with the whole
5 island community and visitors who wish to participate in the event and practice the
6 island's tradition; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in the month of May, the village of *Malojloj* celebrates the feast
8 day of their Patron Saint, San Isidro, the farmer; and

9 **WHEREAS**, San Isidro is the local name translated from "Saint Isidore", who
10 was born in Madrid, Spain, in the latter half of the 12th century, and who lived a
11 humble life with his parents, and eventually took a job as a farmer as soon as he was
12 old enough to work; and

13 **WHEREAS**, San Isidro married a very religious woman named Maria Torribia,
14 also known as Maria de la Cabeza, who had also become a saint after being
15 recognized after their deaths, and

16 **WHEREAS**, San Isidro died on May 15, 1120 at the age of sixty (60), and the
17 Catholic Church canonized him as a Saint on March 12, 1622; and

18 **WHEREAS**, for many years, and up to the present, San Isidro has remained as
19 an inspiration to the people of *Malojloj*, and they look up to him as a model of
20 Christian perfection, a paradigm of a good laborer, a witness to loving God and
21 neighbors, and especially the poor; and

22 **WHEREAS**, *Malojloj* was a farming community in the 1930s, and the people
23 of *Malojloj* believe that through the intercession of San Isidro, they have been blessed
24 with a good life, a rich harvest, and an abundance of food; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the San Isidro chapel is used for a number of events, and the land
26 on which the chapel sits was donated by the very first resident of the village, Mr. Jose

1 Meno; and it had experienced serious damages from typhoons in 1949, 1962, and
2 2002; and

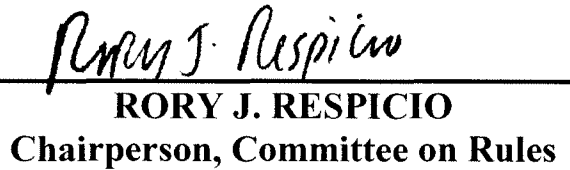
3 **WHEREAS**, the chapel for San Isidro became a reality in late 1948, and
4 eventually it was officially declared as the San Isidro Catholic Church and parish in
5 1973, and up to this day it remains a symbol of unity in the village of *Malojloj*; now
6 therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
8 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people
9 of Guam, recognize the parishioners of *Malojloj* as they commemorate the feast day of
10 San Isidro, the farmer, the village of *Malojloj's* Patron Saint, which brings the people
11 of the village and the people of the island together to celebrate a joyous cultural
12 event; and does further extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the
13 people of *Malojloj* village for the significance they place in living and practicing the
14 *Chamorro* Catholic traditions, and sharing this practice with the people of Guam and
15 the island's visitors; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
17 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
18 the same be thereafter transmitted to San Isidro Catholic Church; and to the Honorable
19 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 17TH DAY
OF MAY 2012.**


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