

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing the organizers of the Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) on their success in exhibiting local, regional and international talent, promoting collaboration between international artists, and fostering the growth of cultural understanding through the art of filmmaking; and to further congratulating the GIFF on the occasion of their Second (2nd) Annual Film Festival.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) is an international
2 cinema event exhibiting a dynamic source of cross-cultural artistic presence,
3 bridging gaps among the U.S., Asia, and the Pacific's multi-cultural population and
4 region; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the GIFF is the first and only annual U.S. film festival in the
6 western Pacific; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Guam International Film Festival was founded and
8 organized by local filmmakers, Donald (Don) and Kelly (Kel) Muña; and the first
9 GIFF was held on Guam, from September 30, 2011, through October 2, 2011; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the GIFF is to foster the growth of cultural
11 understanding through the art of filmmaking; and this mission is achieved through
12 community outreach, education through festival workshops, and efforts to build
13 awareness for social responsibility through film programming; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the GIFF also aims to provide opportunities for local artists and
15 emerging filmmakers to be exposed to international cinema and industry-related
16 business; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the creation of the GIFF has opened doors of opportunity for
18 our local talent to showcase their skills, and the capacity to contribute on a global
19 level; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 GIFF will run from September 27, 2012, through
21 September 30, 2012, and will be held at the Micronesia Mall Theatres; and

22 **WHEREAS**, this year's Festival will feature fifty-four (54) films, varying
23 from full-length narratives to short features, and even animated films; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 GIFF Grand Jury judging panel includes: Baltazar
25 Aguon, Gabrielle Kelly, Tom Brislin, Ph.D., and Daniel Ferranti; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 GIFF will showcase films from the United States,
27 Switzerland, the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Canada, Norway, Egypt, Italy,

1 Palestine, Singapore, Greece, Russia, Spain, Venezuela, the Commonwealth of the
2 Northern Mariana Islands, Vietnam, and Australia; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the
5 organizers of the Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) on their success in
6 exhibiting local, regional and international talent, promoting collaboration between
7 international artists, and fostering the growth of cultural understanding through the
8 art of filmmaking; and does further congratulate the GIFF on the occasion of their
9 Second (2nd) Annual Film Festival; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
11 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
12 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Donald Muña; to Mr. Kelly
13 Muña; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON 28TH THIS
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary