

-I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING ALEJANDRO
BAET GAGARING ON HIS ACHIEVEMENTS
AND HARD WORK AS PRESIDENT OF THE
FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF GUAM DURING
HIS TERM AS PRESIDENT FOR YEARS 2009-
2010 AND EXPRESS A SINCERE *UN DANGKOLO*
NA SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE FOR HIS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ISLAND OF
GUAM.**

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Alejandro Baet Gagaring, also known to his friends as
2 Alex Gagaring was born on November 25, 1965 to parents Pastor Balquedra
3 Gagaring and Gertrudes Madridejos Baet Gagaring at a clinic in Paete,
4 Laguna, Philippines; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring is oldest of three children with siblings:
6 Maria Grace Gagaring and Joann Baet Joshua, and

7 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring has been a resident of Guam since June
8 1975 and has worked in different industries in Guam including Airlines,
9 Food and Beverage, Politics, and Life and Health Insurance always focusing
10 in sales, training and recruiting over the past 25 years. He is currently a Staff
11 Assistant and Senior Liaison at Lt. Governor Ray Tenorio's Office; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring has been drawn to volunteer work since
13 his early teens. By 1983, he was one of the founding members of the
14 BASTA Youths, a program under the Batangas and Southern Tagalog
15 Association of Guam (BASTA). He later served the association as
16 Corresponding Secretary in 1990. In early January 1991, he formed a choir
17 group that volunteered to sing every week at St. Anthony's Church in
18 Tamuning, he still leads a choir to this day and recently celebrated his 20th
19 year mark. In 1999, he was the Charter 3rd Vice President of the Guam IFIL
20 Lions Club and became the club's President in 2000 while serving as Lions
21 Club District 204's Assistant Secretary. He was also a Charter Board of
22 Director of the Laguna Association when it was formed in 2000 and
23 eventually became the Club's Vice President in 2005 and President in 2006
24 and 2007. The Filipino Community of Guam (FCG) elected Alex Gagaring
25 as Secretary in 2007 and 2008 serving under President Rene Quintans. Alex
26 Gagaring was elected in mid-November 2008 to serve as President of the
27 Filipino Community of Guam in 2009 to 2010; and

28 **WHEREAS**, Alex Gagaring's term as President of the Filipino
29 Community of Guam was "colorful" as it was predicted and described by his
30 predecessor. The FCG along with the 30th Guam Legislature mourned the
31 loss of Former Philippine President Corazon Aquino in a Memorial
32 Ceremony at the Guam Legislature. A few day weeks later, this was
33 followed by two devastating storms Ondoy and Peping just a few days apart
34 of each other. Through Alex Gagaring's leadership, the Filipino Community
35 of Guam and generous residents of Guam mobilized to assist the victims of
36 the storms. With the help of Guam's community and businesses, the FCG
37 was able to raise more than \$100,000 which was distributed through GMA7
38 Foundation, ABS-CBN Foundation, the Philippine National Red Cross and
39 the Ayuda Foundation. Alex Gagaring and the Filipino Community of Guam

was recognized by Amang Rodriguez General Hospital in Marikina, Metro Manila for their contribution to the worst hit hospital in the Philippines as medicines and life-saving hospital equipment arrived at the devastated hospital. The Filipino Community of Guam helped victims of the storms as the more containers of clothing, beddings, non-perishable food and medicine for victims of the storms were distributed throughout the devastated areas. In December 2009, the “Christmas Parol” was revived in the form of a contest that showcased the lanterns in different designs and materials. On June 11, 2010, the Guest Keynote Speaker during the Philippine Independence Celebration was CNN’s 2009 Hero of the Year, Efren Penaflorida, who taught his audience that the power of one can make a difference. The Filipino Community of Guam also started the “Eskwelahang Munti” pilot program in the latter half of 2010. This “small school” was a series of classes that taught children from 6 to 16 years old, and rewarded the children for their hard work in learning about Philippine Language, History, Culture, Art and Dance. The Filipino Community of Guam assisted numerous individuals in Guam who sought their assistance for medical purposes and humanitarian needs; and, the Filipino Community of Guam donated to various causes including the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Erica’s House, Sanctuary, Inc., Guam Animals In Need and Catholic Social Services during his term; Therefore, now, be it

RESOLVED, *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of the People of Guam, commend Alex Gagaring on his contribution to the Filipino Community of Guam; be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* expresses its *Un Dånkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to Alex Gagaring's on his many contributions to the Island of Guam; be it further

67 RESOLVED, that the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
68 Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the
69 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
70 thereafter transmitted to Alex Gagaring, 2010 to 2011 President of the
71 Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani S. Mercado, Consul
72 General of the Republic of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Edward J.
73 B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*
ON THE _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary