

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 148-31(COR)

Introduced By:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Department of Parks and Recreation and its employees on its Thirty-Sixth (36th) Anniversary and recognizing July 2011 as "Parks and Recreation Month".

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

1 **WHEREAS**, July 2011 is "Parks and Recreation Month" with the theme as
2 "Protecting our Historic and Natural Resources to Enhance Our Quality of Life"; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the official purpose of "Parks and Recreation Month" is to invite
4 participation in quality activities by the community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation performs a wide variety of
6 park, recreation and historic preservation services for our community; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to improving
8 the quality of life for our community and for our visitors, by promoting healthy
9 lifestyles, strengthening our families, maintaining our parks and natural areas, and
10 preserving our island's unique heritage; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation continues to properly
12 maintain and operate parks and recreational facilities; to seek funding to ensure that all
13 Parks, equipment and facilities are safe, attractive, accessible and user-friendly; and to
14 ensure that our island's historic sites are protected and restored for the benefit of
15 present and future generations; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation provides activities that can
17 reduce stress, provide socialization opportunities, and improve the mental and physical
18 well-being of our youth, adults, seniors and challenged individuals; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation, recognizes the importance
20 of our rich heritage through the preservation of our many historic sites, and
21 acknowledging Guam's Pre-Contact, Spanish, Early American, Japanese/World War II
22 and Post War Historic Timelines; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks and Recreation is mandated by law to be
24 responsible for 76 active parks; over 4,794 acres of seashore, conservation and wildlife
25 refuge, is responsible to protect and maintain over 1600 historic sites in its inventory,
26 reviews over 1100 building permits annually to ensure that historic sites are taken into
27 consideration; processes over 1400 park permits; 20+ vendor permits, 150+ facility
28 permits so that island residents can enjoy the outdoor environment such as beaches
29 and parks; and

30 **WHEREAS**, I Liheslaturan Guåhan recognizes the contributions of partners in
31 the community that steadfastly support the Department of Parks and Recreation and
32 have contributed to the preservation, protection and interpretation of Guam’s historic
33 and cultural resources as well as the beautification and maintenance of our parks and
34 recreational facilities; and

35 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Paula Faulk Creech of the American Samoa and Micronesia
36 Historic Preservation Program (National Park Service), who has committed much
37 effort to assisting the Guam Historic Preservation Office; and like-partners that include
38 the War in the Pacific National Park (National Park Service), the Guam Preservation
39 Trust, the Department of Chamorro Affairs, the Guam Museum, the Guam Museum
40 Foundation, the University of Guam, the Richard F. Flores Micronesian Area Research
41 Center, and the Pacific War Museum; now therefore be it

42 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*
43 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly commend and
44 congratulate the Department of Parks and Recreation and its employees for its
45 accomplishments as it celebrates its Thirty-Sixth (36th) Anniversary, and recognizes the
46 month of July 2011 as “Parks and Recreation Month”, with the theme as “Protecting
47 our Historic and Natural Resources to Enhance Our Quality of Life”; and be it further

48 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee of Rules
49 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of

50 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Peter S. Calvo, Acting Director of
51 Department of Parks and Recreation; Ms. Paula Faulk Creech, American Samoa and
52 Micronesia Program Manager, Cultural Resources, National Park Service; Chairman,
53 Guam Review Board for Historic Preservation; War in the Pacific National Historical
54 Park; Department of Chamorro Affairs; Guam Museum; Guam Museum Foundation;
55 University of Guam; Richard F. Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center; Pacific War
56 Museum and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lāhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU
NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 1st DAY OF JULY 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary