## I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

Resolution No. 277-31(COR)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr.

Relative to extending best wishes on the occasion of the Seventy-Eight (78<sup>th</sup>) Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan and commending the Japanese community of Guam for continuing to promote strong relation between Japan and the island of Guam.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, the Emperor of Japan is, according to the 1947 Constitution of

4 Japan, "the symbol of the state and of the unity of the people"; and

5 WHEREAS, he is the ceremonial figurehead under a form of constitutional

6 monarchy and is head of the Japanese Imperial Family with functions as head

7 of state. He is also the highest authority of the Shinto religion; and

8 WHEREAS, the Imperial House of Japan is the oldest continuing

9 hereditary monarchy in the world; and

10 WHEREAS, the current emperor is His Imperial Majesty the Emperor

11 Akihito who ascended to the Chrysanthemum Throne on November 12,

1 1990as the 125<sup>th</sup> Emperor of Japan , one year and ten months after his father
 2 the Showa Emperor (Hirohito) died ; and

WHEREAS, Tsugunomiya Akihito was born on December 23, 1933 in
Tokyo to Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako Kuniat, their fifth child and
first son ; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a direct descendant of Japan's first emperor Jimmu, circa
7 660 BC. Akihito means "shining pinnacle of virtue" and Tsugonomiya means
8 "prince of the august succession and enlightened benevolence"

9 WHEREAS, he was inaugurated as Crown Prince on November 10, 1952

10 and completed his education at the Gakushuin University in 1956; and

11 WHEREAS, On April 10, 1959 he married Michiko Shoda. The marriage

12 produced three children: His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Naruhito,

13 born on February 23, 1960, His Imperial Highness Prince Akishino, born on

14 November 30, 1965 and Her Imperial Highness Princess Sayako, born on

15 April 18, 1969 ; and

16 WHEREAS, the Emperor's birthday which is being observed every 23th of

17 December is a Japan national holiday; and

18 WHEREAS, in celebration of the 78<sup>th</sup> birthday of His Majesty the Emperor

19 of Japan, Consul-General Yoshiyuki Kimura is hosting a reception on

20 Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Tasi Ballroom of Hotel Nikko, Guam and

21 ; now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that I *Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
on behalf of the people of Guam, extend best wishes on the occasion of the
Seventy-Eight (78<sup>th</sup>) Birthday Celebration of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan
and commending the Japanese community of Guam for continuing to
promote strong relation between Japan and the island of Guam; and be it
further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Consul-General Yoshiyuki Kimura , Mr.
Toyohito Yoneyama, President, Japan Club of Guam and to the Honorable
Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.
DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA*LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D Speaker RORY J. RESPICIO Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES Legislative Secretary