

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 372-31 (cor)

Introduced by:

D.G. Rodriguez, Jr. ✓
Tina Rose Muna-Barnes ✓

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND
CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF AGANA
HEIGHTS FOR THE INAUGURAL OPENING OF THE
AGANA HEIGHTS COCONUT PARK/MUSEUM AS
IT PROVIDES OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND
VISITORS WITH A CULTURAL AND
EDUCATIONAL RECREATION LOCATION WHILE
PROMOTING THE TREE OF LIFE OF MICRONESIA.

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

3 WHEREAS, the Agana Heights Coconut Park/Museum celebrates its
4 inaugural opening ceremony on March 31, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, the land to which the park is located was formerly a
6 location for the U.S. Naval Hospital incinerator which was in operation for
7 about two decades dating from 1949 to 1969; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1969, the United States Government turned over the
9 property to the Government of Guam Parks & Recreation and remained a

1 vacant property until the Agana Heights Mayor's Office and Municipal
2 Planning Council acquired the property in 1998 for the development of a
3 community park; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the research conducted by the Mayor's office showed that the
5 land topography of the property will be best utilized in developing a Coconut
6 Park/Museum; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a delay of the plan occurred due to the unexpected natural
8 disaster of Super Typhoon Paka in 1997, where the site was used for the
9 collection of debris, which had lasted for three (3) years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the recognition of the late Mr. Peter San Nicholas is essential
11 as his contributions remains crucial to the brainstorming and development of
12 the plan of action for the park, which is now known as the Agana Heights
13 Coconut Park; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the park stands today with about 300 coconut trees planted at
15 the park since 2007 through the contribution and dedication of personnel from
16 the U.S. Naval Hospital, the Agana Heights Municipal Planning Council, the
17 Staff of the Mayor's Office, and the dedicated local residents of Agana
18 Heights; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the 300 coconut trees, which is also known as the tree of life,
20 are fully grown at the park for local residents and visitors to enjoy. Among
21 these, are collection of various coconut trees throughout Micronesia and Asia;
22 and

1 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the Agana Heights Coconut Park/Museum is to
2 collect various coconut trees throughout the world and be labeled according
3 to its origins; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the park plans to showcase the biggest coconut and the biggest
5 coconut crab on display; and be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby,
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulates Mayor Paul M. McDonald, the
8 Agana Heights Mayor's Office Staff and the Agana Heights Municipal
9 Planning Council for unveiling the Agana Heights Coconut Park/Museum;
10 and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* commends the Agana Heights
12 Coconut Park/ Museum for successfully establishing a culturally educational
13 recreation site that cultivates the Chamorro culture in the island of Guam.
14 Agana Heights Coconut Park/Museum serves as an educational resource for
15 the island of Guam to provide students, residents, and visitors of all ages
16 about the various species of coconuts in the Micronesia and the important role
17 it plays as the tree of life; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
19 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted
20 to Mayor Paul M. McDonald, Mayor, Agana Heights Mayor's Office, Agana
21 Heights Municipal Planning Council , and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
22 Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU A NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF APRIL 2012.**

JUDITH T. WONPAT, Ed.D

Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES

Legislative Secretary