

*I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on the observance of the One Hundred Fourteenth (114th) Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines is observed every year on the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) of June, the Republic of the Philippines gaining its independence through the sacrifices of many Filipino heroes, such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote "*Noli Me Tangere*" (The Lost Eden), which popularized the independence sentiment, and whose execution by the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led the Cry of *Balintawak*; General Emilio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle of *Binakayan*; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the "Sublime Paralytic" and the "Brain of the Revolution"; and

12       **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas,  
13 such as Melchora Aquino, known as “*Tandang Sora*”, who was exiled to the  
14 Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28) year  
15 old teacher, who was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and other  
16 Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary Forces; and

17       **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on June  
18 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Independence of the  
19 Philippines at his home town of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people from the  
20 provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the dramatic unfurling of  
21 the Philippine flag while the Philippine National Anthem was being played in public  
22 for the first time, after which the “Act of the Declaration of Independence” was  
23 solemnly read by its author, Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the  
24 American Declaration of Independence; and

25       **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of Municipal  
26 Presidents, and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the Philippines in  
27 Malolos, Bulacan, on September 1898, as an expression of the sovereign will of the  
28 Filipino people; and

29       **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam annually hosts a number of  
30 Philippine Independence Day activities in Guam, celebrating the numerous  
31 contributions that Filipinos have made to our island, those activities including:

- 32       - Thursday, May 31, 10 a.m.: Philippine Heritage Month Proclamation Signing;
- 33       - Saturday, June 2: 5K FLAG Santacruzán;
- 34       - Friday, June 8: Benefit Concert at the University of Guam Field House;
- 35       - Saturday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.: FCG Independence Day Ball, Sheraton Laguna
- 36       Guam Resort;
- 37       - Sunday, June 10, 3 p.m.: Mass at St. Anthony’s Church - BASTA Assn.;

38 - Sunday, June 10, 4 p.m.: Mabini Shrine Commemoration - BASTA Assn.;  
39 - Sunday, June 10: Cultural Show at Agana Shopping Center;  
40 - Saturday, June 16: FCG Independence Day Run at Ypao Beach;  
41 - Monday, June 18: ILOAG's Community Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony;  
42 - Tuesday, June 19: Dr. Jose Rizal's Birthday commemoration-Laguna Assn.;  
43 - Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: FCG Medical Mission, Swamp Road,  
44 Dededo;  
45 - Sunday, June 24: Apalit's Water Festival, Ypao Beach;  
46 - Sunday, June 24: Bolinao Bani's St. Johns Festival, Matapang Beach;  
47 - Saturday, June 30: ILOAG's 5K Run, Chamorro Village;  
48 now, therefore, be it

49 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
50 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Filipino Community of  
51 Guam on the observance of the One Hundred Fourteenth (114th) Anniversary of the  
52 Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines; and be it further

53 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
54 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Leah  
55 Beth Naholowaa, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani  
56 V. Mangibin, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; and to the Honorable  
57 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Legislative Secretary**