

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No 393-31 (LS)

Introduced By:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Historic Inalahan Foundation Board of Directors and the people of Inalahan as they celebrate the 2012 Coconut Festival in conjunction with I Fiestan San Jose.

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

WHEREAS, the Coconut Festival began through the efforts of the late Monsignor Oscar Calvo when he served as the San Jose Parish Priest after World War II in 1947; and

WHEREAS, the Coconut Festival was jointly celebrated with the Feast of St. Joseph or Patrocino San Jose, held annually in honor of San Jose, the Laborer; and

WHEREAS, because of the idea that the coconut is king due to its various uses throughout history, it was the late Monsignor Oscar Calvo's intention to celebrate the coconut by having an annual festival in the village of Inalahan; and

WHEREAS, long before World War II, Guam's economy was that of farming, fishing and producing copra; with copra being the major cash crop and principal export of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, because more than forty thousand copra-producing trees were
2 destroyed during the retaking of the island, Father Calvo encourage the people to
3 go back to the soil, plant coconuts and again become exporters of copra and other
4 coconut products; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in the commemoration and celebration of the Coconut
6 Festival, the 3-day celebration includes the display of agricultural produce,
7 livestock, and arts and crafts exhibits made by the people of Inalahan; and

8 **WHEREAS**, one of the highlights of the festival is the Queen's competition
9 which provides an exciting focal point of the festival's many activities to promote
10 the significance of the celebration; and

11 **WHEREAS**, with every competition, the Queen candidates, their families
12 and sponsors work hard to sell the most tickets to raise money for the designated
13 project goal set by the parish; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the 5 young ladies vying for this year's Coconut Festival
15 crown are Miss Tianna Jean Cruz; Miss Kristen Miren Edusada De Leon; Miss
16 Sara F. San Nicolas; Miss Christine D. Cruz; and Miss Clarene Mantanona; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Inalahan has held several other queen competitions through
18 the years since 1973, such as Miss Chamorita and La Rainan Patrocino, whereby
19 these queen competitions continued to raise funds for worthy projects for the San
20 Jose parish, as well as for civic projects; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in addition to recognizing the Queen candidates for this year's
22 Coconut Festival, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* would also like to recognize Mr. Joseph
23 Afaisen the Grand Marshal for the St Joseph Fiesta Parade; and

24 **WHEREAS**, between 1950 and 1960, the coronation celebration was
25 augmented with a "feria," similar to the small county fairs held in the mainland;
26 and

1 **WHEREAS**, during the days of the “feria”, many of our elders today will
2 recall the huge Ferris wheel that was brought to the fairgrounds by the late Frank
3 Cushing and family; and

4 **WHEREAS**, over the years, snack booths and game booths were added to
5 the festival with colorful prizes for winners of various games of skill, which later
6 evolved into games of chance; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as we look at the coconut today and those who remember the
8 olden days of the Coconut Festival can proudly say that the celebration still
9 continues with color and pageantry; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Historic Inalahan Foundation Board of Directors decided
11 to revive the Coconut Festival to recall Inalahan’s historic association with the
12 coconut; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Historic Inalahan Foundation Board of Directors’ project
14 goal for this year is to continue to raise funds to build an outdoor stage at Gef
15 Pa’go; now, therefore be it;

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
17 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Historic
18 Inalahan Foundation Board of Directors and the people of Inalahan as they
19 celebrate the 2012 Coconut Festival in conjunction with I Fiestan San Jose; and be
20 it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest
22 to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
23 Historic Inalahan Foundation Board of Directors namely: Jesse LG Perez,
24 Chairman; Joey M Paulino, Vice Chairman; Ann SN Concepcion, Secretary; Chris
25 M. Duenas, Treasurer; Jessica Y. Quinata, Member; Derrick Lehman, Member;
26 Rick LG Meno, Member; JohnGlenn Taitague, Member; Mayor Franklin Taitague,
27 Mayor of Inarajan and Ex-Officio Member; Mr. Joseph Afaisen, St Joseph Fiesta

- 1 Parade Grand Marshal; Rev. Fr. Lonilo Torres, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish; Frank
- 2 Diego Jr., President of St. Joseph Parish Council; and to the Honorable Edward
- 3 J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary