

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 487-31 (LS)

Introduced By:

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Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Vince Reyes for his service to the people of Guam as Director of Inetnon Gef Pa'go Cultural Arts Program and the Inetnon Gef Pa'go cultural dancers for their participation at International Festivals in France and Switzerland in 2012.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Vince Reyes is a native son of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes was born and raised in the village of *Malessos*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a focus on International Business from the University of Guam in 1995; and

WHEREAS, After obtaining his teaching certification at the University of Guam in 2003, he began teaching at Inarajan Middle School as Cultural Arts Teacher; and

WHEREAS, While employed at Inarajan Middle School, Mr. Reyes created their first Cultural Arts program; and

WHEREAS, In 2001 Mr. Reyes formed *Inetnon Natibu* for graduating middle school students as a way for them to continue traditional arts and cultural dancing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes, in his work with *Gef Pa'go* Chamorro Cultural Village in *Inalahan* developed and implemented an intergenerational program for his students and the southern community; and

WHEREAS, In 2004 Mr. Reyes was hired by *Gef Pa'go* Chamorro Cultural Village and the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation as a Youth Program Director; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to form a group that would better define the relationship the group had with the southern villages, the cultural dance group renamed themselves *Inetnon Gef Pa'go*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vince Reyes currently serves as *Fa'fana'gue* and Director of *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Vince Reyes was awarded the Traditional Teacher of the Year Award from the Guam Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, In 2006 and 2009, Mr. Vince Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* were awarded the Excellence in Tourism *Hafa Adai* Spirit Award from the Guam Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* celebrated their 10th Anniversary in 2010 achieving international recognition and awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* are the most-selected traveling group for the Guam Visitors Bureau, representing Guam in visitor markets in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, In August 2012, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* were invited to participate and act as ambassadors for Guam at the 38th International Folklore Festival of Fribourg in Switzerland and the 57th International Festival of Folk Rouergue and 2012 Festival of the World Folklores in France; and

WHEREAS, The 38th International Folklore Festival of Fribourg is the largest festival of its kind in Switzerland bringing together 300 dancers, singers, and musicians; and

WHEREAS, The 57th International Festival of Folk Rouergue has been a gathering of over 100 countries participating in festival activities since it was created; and

WHEREAS, For 53 years the Festival of the World Folklores is the largest festival in the eastern part of France, inviting 500 artists from 5 continents transforming into an intercultural crossroad festival; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* continue to exemplify and perpetuate the culture of Guam through song and dance;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* continually participate in cultural festivals, exhibitions, and competitions around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* provide an avenue for the youth of our island to learn and understand the unique heritage of our people by fostering creativity through the arts;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* through their participation in festivals such as the 38th International Folklore Festival of Fribourg, the 57th International Festival of Folk Rouergue, and the 2012 Festival of the World Folklores, promote the culture of Guam and create an awareness of our collective heritage; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trentai Uno Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Mr. Vince Reyes and *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* for their dedication, promotion, and service to 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 Mr. Vince Reyes; *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program; *Gef Pa'go* Chamorro Cultural Village; Judy Flores Ph.D; and to the Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU

NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS [DAY] OF AUGUST 2012

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary