

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing the Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) on their success in exhibiting local, regional and international talent, promoting collaboration between international artists, and fostering the growth of cultural understanding through the art of filmmaking and to further congratulate GIFF on the occasion of their 2nd Annual Film Festival.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, GIFF is an international cinema event exhibiting a dynamic source of cross-cultural artistic presence, bridging gaps among the U.S., Asia and the Pacific's multi-cultural population and region; and

WHEREAS, GIFF is the first and only annual U.S. film festival in the western pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) was founded and organized by local filmmakers, Donald (Don) and Kelly (Kel) Muña; and

WHEREAS, the first inaugural GIFF was held on Guam, September 30, 2011 through October 2, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the mission of GIFF is to foster the growth of cultural understanding through the art of filmmaking; and

1 **WHEREAS**, this mission is achieved through community outreach, education through
2 festival workshops and efforts to build awareness for social responsibility through our film
3 programming; and

4 **WHEREAS**, GIFF also aims to provide opportunities for local artists and emerging
5 filmmakers to be exposed to international cinema and industry related business; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the creation of the GIFF has opened doors of opportunity for our local
7 talent to showcase their skills and capacity to contribute on a global level; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 GIFF will run from September 27, 2012 through September 30,
9 2012 and will be held at the Micronesia Mall Theatres ; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this year's festival will feature 54 films varying from full length narratives,
11 short features, and even animated films; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 GIFF Grand Jury judging panel includes Baltazar Aguon,
13 Gabrielle Kelly, Tom Brislin, Ph.D, and Daniel Ferranti; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the 2012 GIFF will showcase films from the United States, Switzerland, the
15 Philippines, Korea, Japan, Canada, Norway, Egypt, Italy, Palestine, Singapore, Greece, Russia,
16 Spain, Venezuela, the CNMI, Vietnam, and Australia; now, therefore be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*
18 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, relative to recognizing the Guam
19 International Film Festival (GIFF) on their success in exhibiting local, regional and
20 international talent, promoting collaboration between international artists, and fostering the
21 growth of cultural understanding through the art of filmmaking and to further congratulate GIFF
22 on the occasion of their 2nd Annual Film Festival; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,
2 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
3 thereafter transmitted to Donald Muña; Kelly Muña and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
4 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary