

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
403-32 (COR)	Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Apalit Association of Guam (AAG) on the celebration of the Feast of St. Peter and the 2014 Apalit Town Fiesta and to further extend a warm and sincere Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu' os Ma'åse' for 20 years of generously sharing their festive culture and keeping the traditions of their home alive in our island community.	6/18/14 11:35 a.m.	6/29/14 1:30 p.m.			06/24/14

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 403-32 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Apalit Association of Guam (AAG) on the celebration of the Feast of St. Peter, and the 2014 Apalit Town Fiesta; and to further extending a warm and sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'áse'* to the AAG for twenty (20) years of generously sharing their festive culture and keeping the traditions of their homeland alive in our island community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, in the beginning of the 14th century, the early Apaliteños settled
4 in Rio Grande de la Pampanga, Philippines. An *apalit (narra)* tree stood near the St.

1 Peter Church; and is how the town got its name, Apalit, which is a municipality in
2 Central Luzon, Republic of the Philippines; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it was during the 19th century that the “*libad*” (fluvial parade)
4 was initiated as part of the Apalit Town Fiesta in honor of St. Peter. “*Apung Iru*,” with
5 its image richly-attired on a throne atop a barge, is festively paraded in the river; with
6 devotees invoking youth, fertility, and rains to provide irrigation in this agricultural
7 town; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a blend of Hispanic, Chinese, Malay and American cultures
9 influenced the Apaliteños’ lifestyle with its exquisite cuisines, luxurious banquets and
10 sincere hospitality. They were also known for their meticulous and ornate pottery,
11 metal works, and tailoring; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the early Apaliteños set foot on Guam as immigrants and workers,
13 radiating their rich heritage to our island community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, the first Apalit Town Fiesta was held on Guam at the
15 *Inarajan* Beach Park with a simple picnic by a group of Filipino contract workers who
16 worked for the B.W. Corporation, led by Alfonso Asuncion, and Paul and Vilma
17 Bautista; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Guam’s Apalit Town Fiesta was again held in 1993 and 1994, and
19 was joined by many friends and colleagues; taking a hiatus from 1995 to 1997, due to
20 the end of the organizers’ employment contracts; and upon their return in 1998, the
21 fiesta was revived and held at the *Matapang* Beach Park; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the venue was changed to the *Ypao* Beach Park to
23 accommodate the growing number of attendees, including other “*Pampanguenos*” on
24 Guam, and *Chamorros* from around the island; and

25 **WHEREAS**, following the fiesta, a “*Hermano Mayor*” would lead the yearly
26 festivities. Roger Estrada was the first “*Hermano*” in 2000; with Goding Torres in

1 2001; Arnold Dalusong in 2002; Edel Binuya in 2003; Ignacio and Aurora Mercado in
2 2004; Rufino Lopez in 2005; Caridad Padilla in 2006; and Honorio Timoteo in 2007;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, a statue of St. Peter was ordered from the Philippines,
5 and it was inaugurated by Father Paul Gofigan at the Mercado residence; and since
6 then, it has become the highlight of the yearly festivities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, with the rising number of participants, more “*Hermano Mayors*”
8 chaired the event with a banquet: Paul and Vilma Bautista, and Gloria Padilla in 2008;
9 Andy and Emma Gonzales, and Nestor and Lee Chan in 2009; and

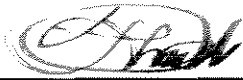
10 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the “*Hermano Mayors*” were Alfonso and Emily
11 Asuncion, and Daniel and Jovita Manuel; and this was highlighted by the 31st Guam
12 Legislature’s recognition of the Apalit Association of Guam on the celebration of its
13 2011 Apalit Town Fiesta; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the celebration continued in 2012 and 2013, and through the years
15 it has grown from the simple picnic, the Apalit Town Fiesta – “*Apung Iru*” Festival
16 and Fluvial Parade, to become a showcase of Apalit cuisines, a joyous gathering of
17 family and friends, sincere hospitality and arduous devotion to St. Peter, and a legacy
18 from the Philippines brought to Guam; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
21 of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Apalit Association of Guam (AAG) on the
22 celebration of the Feast of St. Peter, and the 2014 Apalit Town Fiesta; and does
23 further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the AAG for
24 twenty (20) years of generously sharing the festive culture and keeping the traditions
25 of Apalit alive in our island community; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
2 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
3 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Ignacio L. Mercado, President of the Apalit
4 Association of Guam; to Mr. Roy Adonay, President of the Filipino Community of
5 Guam; to the Honorable Bayani V. Mangibin, Consul General, Philippine Consulate
6 General in Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH DAY OF
JUNE 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson	<i>evote</i>	6/24/14	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	<i>e-vote</i>	6/24/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	<i>e-vote</i>	6/24/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	<i>e-vote</i>	6/24/14	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	<i>e-vote</i>	6/24/14	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member					
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/24/14	✓		
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member					
SENATOR MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS Member	<i>e-vote</i>	6/26/14	✓		
SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	<i>e-vote</i>	6/24/14	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	<i>e-vote</i>	6/24/14	✓		

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Date: 6/26/14

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