

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Resolutions Log Sheet

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512-32 (COR)	B.J. F. Cruz R. J. Respicio	RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF I MINA' TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN TO THE NEWLY FORMED MICRONESIAN COUNCIL OF CULTURE, ART AND TOURISM (MCCAT); PAYING SPECIAL TRIBUTE AND RECOGNITION TO THIS HISTORIC EFFORT IN ENCOURAGING AND STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND ADVANCEMENT OF CULTURE, ART AND TOURISM AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA.	12/02/14 4:37 p.m.	12/09/14			12/05/14

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

Resolution No. 512-32 (COR)

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Relative to expressing the acknowledgement and support of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the newly-formed Micronesian Council of Culture, Art and Tourism (MCCAT); and to further extending a special tribute and recognition to those involved in this historic effort to encourage and strengthen regional cooperation in promoting the welfare and advancement of culture, art and tourism among the people of the islands of Micronesia.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** it is the sense of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam
4 Legislature) to acknowledge and unequivocally support sub-regional efforts to
5 encourage and strengthen cooperation among fellow Micronesians in promoting
6 the welfare and advancement of culture, art and tourism among our people of
7 common heritage; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Micronesia, with its four (4) main archipelagos comprising
2 approximately two thousand one hundred (2,100) islands, constitutes a unique sub-
3 region in the combination of its breathtaking natural physical environment, its
4 indigenous people and their vibrant island spirit, and its varied ethnic groups,
5 cultures, religions and lifestyles dating back millennia; and

6 **WHEREAS**, these facets of beauty and regard are not only the basis for the
7 development of the tourism industry, but also for a friendly interchange of ideas, as
8 well as the strengthening of the commercial and social bonds among the peoples of
9 Micronesia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, as the Pacific region becomes increasingly competitive in the
11 marketing of assets and attractions, and as Micronesia in turn develops its visitor
12 industry, Micronesian cultures have come under threat from cultural influences
13 from outside of the area, thereby presenting a clear and urgent need to preserve,
14 protect and promote the sub-region's traditional cultures and to develop its
15 contemporary cultures; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Micronesian peoples, whose common heritage transcends
17 political boundaries and differences, in turn must look to each other for support
18 and assurance to maintain and promote their arts and cultures; and

19 **WHEREAS**, established through the enactment of Public Law 19-7 by
20 Governor Joseph F. Ada on August 26, 1987, the Guam-Micronesia Island Fair
21 (GMIF) was created to form closer economic ties between Guam and its neighbors,
22 and to ensure success in tourism and commerce for all the islands of Micronesia;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, inaugurated in 1988, the GMIF began as a cultural and
25 commercial event for the display of handicrafts, artisanal works and live
26 performances, and the exhibition of manufactured goods, agricultural products and
27 livestock from industrial and agricultural developers; and twenty-seven (27) years
28 later, the GMIF has since evolved into the annual signature cultural event of the
29 Guam Visitors Bureau, and the largest cultural event of the sub-region showcasing
30 Micronesia's carvers, blacksmiths, traditional fishing experts, jewelers, weavers,
31 dancers, musicians, and culinary masters; and

32 **WHEREAS**, despite regular annual participation of island states and
33 governments of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan,
34 Tinian and Rota; the Federated States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae; the
35 Republic of the Marshall Islands; and the Republic of Palau over the last quarter
36 century (invitations to the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru continue

1 despite cognizance of the prohibitive cost of participation), delegation heads met
2 formally for the first time in 2011 at the 24th GMIF and agreed to continue the
3 exchange of information on cultural and art activities and events within their
4 jurisdictions; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in 2013 at the 26th GMIF, delegation representatives reached a
6 consensus to organize a sub-regional council on culture, art and tourism to
7 facilitate activities such as cultural exchanges of artifacts, information and
8 personnel, and joint cultural workshops and seminars in support of the GMIF, and
9 tasked Guam to draft the resolution and foundation agreement; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the duly authorized representatives of the island states and
11 governments of the Federated States of Chuuk and Pohnpei; the island of Guam;
12 the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and the Republic of Palau met together on
13 Guam during the 27th Guam-Micronesia Island Fair, which was held on Saturday,
14 April 26, 2014; and they made an agreement to form the Micronesian Council of
15 Culture, Art and Tourism (MCCAT); at a later date, the Commonwealth of the
16 Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota also joined this laudable
17 inter-island partnership of commerce, conservation and culture; now therefore, be
18 it

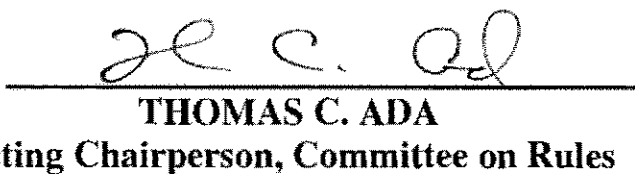
19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
21 people of Guam, express its acknowledgement and support for the newly-formed
22 Micronesian Council of Culture, Arts and Tourism (MCCAT); and does further
23 extend a special tribute and recognition to those involved in this historic effort to
24 encourage and strengthen regional cooperation in promoting the welfare and
25 advancement of culture, art and tourism among the people of the islands of
26 Micronesia; and be it further

27 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
28 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
29 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Keiou William, Head of Delegation
30 for the Federated States of Micronesia, State of Chuuk; to Kukulyn Gallen, Head
31 of Delegation for the Federated States of Micronesia, State of Pohnpei; to Monica
32 Guzman, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, government of
33 Guam; to Brenda Lik Maddison, General Manager of the Marshall Islands Visitors
34 Authority, Head of Delegation for the Republic of the Marshall Islands; to
35 Apolonia Augustine, Head of Delegation for the Republic of Palau; to Angel
36 Hocog, Executive Director, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture,

- 1 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota; and
- 2 to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014.


BENJAMIN J.E. CRUZ
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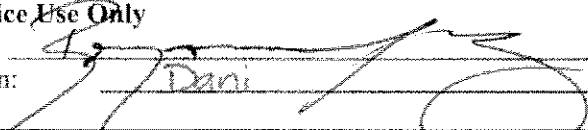
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