

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS,** the Filipinos had been on Guam long before the arrival of
4 Americans. By the end of the Spanish rule, there was a big influx of Filipinos. Many

1 of them were exiles, both penal and political, during the Spanish administration of the
2 Philippines and Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, when the Americans took possession of the Philippines in the
4 early 1900s, more Filipinos were exiled to Guam. In 1902, fifty-two (52) Filipinos
5 were exiled, including Apolinario Mabini, one of the great Filipino revolutionary
6 leaders, who was known to the Filipinos as the “Brain of the Revolution and the
7 Sublime Paralytic.” Other repatriates included noted military generals of the
8 revolution, namely: Artemio Ricarte, Pio del Pilar, Mariano Trias and General Santos;
9 and two (2) famous lawyers, Pablo Ocampo and Julian Gerona; and

10 **WHEREAS**, of the fifty-two (52) Filipino exiles, Leon Flores, Pancrasio
11 Palting and Maximo Tolentino remained on Guam and later adopted the island as their
12 home, while all the others returned to the Philippines. Leon Flores, who became an
13 island attorney of Guam, is the father of the late Archbishop Felixberto Flores; and
14 Pancrasio Palting is the father of the late former Senator Paul Palting; and

15 **WHEREAS**, during the Spanish rule, the Filipinos did not enjoy civil rights.
16 However, the Americans changed the atmosphere when they arrived; and the Filipinos
17 were allowed to hold gatherings and conduct their own community affairs. These
18 gatherings transformed the Filipino community into a closely-knit group, recalling
19 their happy days together in the Philippines and sharing the pains of separation from
20 relatives. They were the pioneers who paved the way for the present Filipino
21 Community of Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, after the war, many more Filipinos came to Guam, this time not
23 as exiles, but as adventurous young men; and Mark Pangilinan was one of them. They
24 settled down here and their achievements have earned for them the undying affection
25 and kind hospitality of the people of Guam. These men did the spadework and laid

1 the foundation on which the present Filipino Community of Guam built its
2 organization; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the official organization of the Filipino Community of Guam was
4 done immediately after the July 4th observance of the Philippine independence
5 anniversary in 1954. The zeal of these Filipino-Americans gave birth to the founding
6 of the Filipino Community of Guam. Henry Schnabel was the chairman of the
7 steering committee. He was ably assisted by the late Attorney Al Lamorena, father of
8 Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena and former Senator Tony Lamorena; and the late
9 Angel Ilagan, the late Cesar Sison, Art Gamboa and Tony Dimalanta, who was elected
10 to serve as the first President. The late Consul Bartolome Umayam of the Philippine
11 Consulate General's Office actively participated in the founding of the Association;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the FCG constitution and by-laws were approved and adopted,
14 and the first FCG board of directors was elected on September 8, 1954. The
15 objectives were enumerated as follows: to foster unity and closer relations among
16 Filipinos on Guam, to preserve the cherished traditions of the Filipino people, to
17 cooperate with the duly constituted authorities of the Territory of Guam in the
18 promotion of civic, social and moral welfare, to improve and conserve the bonds of
19 friendship existing between the Filipinos and the Americans, Guamanians and other
20 residents of Guam, and to undertake any lawful acts or things necessary and expedient
21 for the promotion of the commonwealth; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on March 6, 1955, during the incumbency of Mrs. Carmen Dela
23 Cruz (the only woman President), the *Filipiniana*, an official organ of the Filipino
24 Community of Guam, made its maiden bow. The publication was conceived out of a
25 desire to reach out to all the Filipinos on the island, and filled a long-felt need of the
26 Association; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1965, the Guam Heroes Memorial Park project at the Skinner
2 Plaza was conceived by the FCG. It must be said that since its inception, the Filipino
3 Community of Guam has dedicated itself to the realization of its principal goal: to be
4 part and parcel of the entire community striving for a common goal; and the Guam
5 Heroes Memorial Park is tangible proof of its dedication to that objective; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the FCG is the parent organization of twenty-nine (29) member
7 Filipino associations. The Filipino associations have contributed several community
8 projects to Guam, in addition to the Guam Heroes Memorial Park and the statue of the
9 late Archbishop Felixberto Flores, for the betterment of the community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the FCG has purchased a clubhouse where its meetings and other
11 activities are held; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Mr. and Mrs. FCG Popularity Contest spearheaded by Emelio
13 Uy in 1993 contributed significantly in raising funds for the project. By the end of
14 December 31, 1994, FCG's fund balance amounted to One Hundred Thirty-Two
15 Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars (\$132,169) under the leadership of Mr. Ed
16 Bernal; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1995, with Peter S. Dumaliang at the helm, other programs
18 such as the first raffle drawing for the various community projects and the first Annual
19 Golf Tournament were launched and proved to be very successful fundraisers. These
20 fundraisers helped generate One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Five dollars
21 (\$144,005) in net proceeds for 1995 alone, boosting the FCG fund balance as of
22 December 31, 1995, to Two Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-
23 Four Dollars (\$276,174); and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam, along with other organizations
25 on Guam, continue to support our brothers and sisters in the Philippines during natural
26 disasters such as, but not limited to, Typhoon Haiyan (2013) and the Mount Pinatubo

1 Lahar Calamity (1991). The organization provides assistance to alleviate the damages
2 made by earthquakes and supertyphoons through monetary donations, shipping
3 containers filled with clothing, blankets, towels, bed sheets, beddings, mattresses,
4 toiletries, canned goods, nonperishable food and rice. FCG also donated medicines,
5 medical equipment and medical machines, and helped in the repair of school buildings
6 and hospitals; and they donated to the recreation of these buildings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam has built a strong reputation by
8 giving back to our island community in many tangible ways. In this year alone, the
9 group provided meals to those in need at *Kusinan Kamalen Karidat* on June 2; they
10 organized a “Medical Mission” at the Micronesia Mall to enable those with little to no
11 health insurance to receive health screenings and health care for free on August 15;
12 they made a donation to the *Ayuda* Foundation of goods valued at close to Six
13 Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts in Saipan on
14 August 22; and they made a Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) contribution to the Asian
15 & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund on September 9, which is accessible to
16 students at the University of Guam and the Guam Community College; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the first *GAWAD ULIRANG PILIPINO* has also been conceived
18 to honor the milestone of sixty-one (61) years of civic engagement and humanitarian
19 services of the Filipino Community of Guam. This award is to give recognition to
20 notable Filipino-Americans of Guam; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam believes in the future of Guam
22 and respects its relationship with its people and the different ethnic groups
23 constituting the population of the island. It exists not to seek rewards or
24 commendations, but to pursue the noble task of helping to make Guam progressive,
25 and offering gratitude to an island that has been a generous home to them; and

1 **WHEREAS**, just as it has lived in an era of its own and become a part of the
2 history of Guam, the Filipino Community of Guam is here to stay forever; now
3 therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
5 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Filipino Community
6 of Guam (FCG) on the occasion of its Sixty-first (61st) Year Anniversary; and does
7 further extend a warm and sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the FCG for
8 keeping the Philippine culture and heritage strong among the Filipinos of our island
9 community; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
11 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Nita
12 Baldovino, President of the Filipino Community of Guam; and to the Honorable
13 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary