

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

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44-33 (LS)	T. R. Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) and the Sapporo Tourist Association on the Twentieth (20th) Year Anniversary of their Friendship Agreement, which was celebrated with activities that were held during the Sapporo Snow Festival on February 5, 2015 in Sapporo, Japan; and to further extending best wishes for Guam's continued success in maintaining a reciprocal relationship that will continue to strengthen its ties not only with Sapporo but with Japan overall.	03/20/15 3:07 a.m.	05/11/15 9:30 a.m.					03/20/15

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Resolution No. 44-33 (LS)

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, on November 19, 1994, the original Friendship Agreement was**
4 **signed between former Governor Joseph Ada and Mr. Kazuo Satsu, Chairman of the**

1 Sapporo Tourist Association, to foster and establish friendly relations between Guam
2 and the city of Sapporo, as well as bring our cultures and people together in order to
3 develop tourism in a spirit of mutual understanding and friendly cooperation; and

4 **WHEREAS**, throughout the years, both Guam and Sapporo have sent
5 delegations to each destination, and continue to maintain a reciprocal relationship,
6 most particularly with the exchange of participation in running events, both on Guam
7 and in Sapporo. This is a significant milestone and the value of Guam's participation
8 will undoubtedly continue to strengthen its ties not only with Sapporo but with Japan
9 overall; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the first Sapporo Snow Festival was held in Odori Park in 1950,
11 with only six snow statues made by local high school students. Beyond all
12 expectations, the festival attracted about fifty thousand (50,000) people and soon
13 became a major winter event of Sapporo; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Sapporo Snow Festival just celebrated its sixty-sixth (66th)
15 year, and is one of Japan's largest winter events, attracting a growing number of
16 visitors from Japan and abroad each year. Every winter, about two million people
17 come to Sapporo to see a large number of splendid snow and ice sculptures lining
18 Odori Park, the grounds at Community Dome Tsudome, and along the main street in
19 Susukino; and so for seven (7) days in February, Sapporo is turned into a winter
20 dreamland of crystal-like ice and white snow; and

21 **WHEREAS**, from 1992 to 2005, the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) has sent a
22 delegation of local chefs to participate in the Sapporo Snow Festival; and in 1995,
23 Guam won the Championship Award in the B Category Group with a stunning
24 rendition of the *Chamorro* Village, and advanced to the A Category Group the
25 following year; and

26 **WHEREAS**, then in 2002, Guam won in the A Category Group with "The
27 Great Chase" depicting two swordfish fighting over a prized tuna; and

1 **WHEREAS**, from 2007 to 2013, the J1 League Football (professional soccer)
2 Team from Consadole Sapporo held their Spring Training Camp on Guam; and

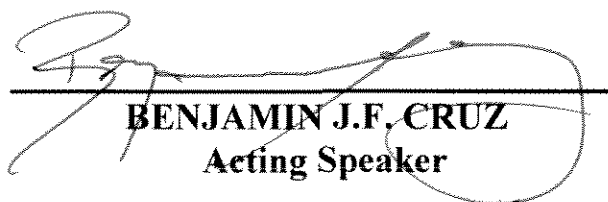
3 **WHEREAS**, on March 5 and 6, 2005, the Guam Visitors Bureau organized a
4 consumer fair called, “Guam Live Presentation” at the Sapporo Factory Shopping
5 Mall; and during this time, GVB paid a courtesy visit to the Sapporo Tourist
6 Association, as well as to the Mayor of Sapporo; and

7 **WHEREAS**, recently in March 2015, the Guam Visitors Bureau expanded the
8 Guam *Chamorro* Dance Academy (GCDA) to Sapporo; and by focusing on creating
9 “Guam Ambassadors” through song and dance, the GCDA works closely with
10 established dance schools to help promote and share our Guam culture throughout
11 Japan; now therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
13 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Guam Visitors
14 Bureau and the Sapporo Tourist Association on the Twentieth (20th) Year Anniversary
15 of their Friendship Agreement; and does further extend best wishes for Guam’s
16 continued success in maintaining a reciprocal relationship that will continue to
17 strengthen its ties not only with Sapporo but with Japan overall; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
19 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Jon
20 Nathan P. Denight, GVB General Manager; to the Honorable Fumio Ueda, Mayor of
21 Sapporo, Japan; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2015.


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Acting Speaker


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