

I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
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Resolution No. 443-33 (LS)

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam is a Filipino organization whose
4 ideals are to promote brotherhood and camaraderie; to protect the interest of its

1 members; and to invite all Filipinos and *Fil-Chamorros*, regardless of province-birth,
2 who are eager and willing to be adopted sons and daughters of the historical province;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, Laguna, which is located thirty (30) kilometers from the city of
5 Manila, is the first province south of the Metro Manila area. It lies within
6 CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon), one of the country's
7 most progressive and dynamic industrial regions; and it also lies within the
8 MARILAQUE (Manila-Rizal-Laguna-Quezon) growth area; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Laguna is known as the Resort Province of the Philippines due to
10 its abundant hot springs, lakes and waterfalls that have made tourism a major industry
11 in many parts of the province. Laguna is also recognized as the country's center for
12 institutional studies and research in the fields of agriculture, veterinary medicine, and
13 a diversity of other scientific fields; and it is the birthplace of the Philippines' national
14 hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Laguna is composed of twenty-nine (29) municipalities, including
16 Alaminos, Bay, Biñan, Cabuyao, Calamba, Calauan, Cavinti, Famy, Kalayaan, Liliw,
17 Los Baños, Lusiana, Lumban, Mabitac, Magdalena, Majayjay, Nagcarlan, Paete,
18 Pagsanjan, Pakil, Pangil, Pila, Rizal, San Pedro, Santa Cruz, Santa Maria, Santa Rosa,
19 Siniloan, Victoria, and the city of San Pablo. Its provincial capital is the town of Santa
20 Cruz; and

21 **WHEREAS**, San Pedro and Cabuyao are formerly the rice granaries of Laguna,
22 but now it has sprouted to developing factories, as well as commercial and residential
23 edifices, which make both towns the bulwark of technology for the entire province of
24 Laguna; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Laguna is fast becoming a venue for numerous business
26 conferences and multimillion-dollar development projects. Its hotels and resorts have

1 state-of-the art facilities that combine business with recreation; and industrial estates,
2 subdivision constructions and an ever-growing list of investors continue to mushroom;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, Laguna has the natural resources and infrastructure that investors
5 look for in choosing a site for its operations. Moreover, Lagunenses are known to be
6 enterprising, hardworking, and skilled so they can easily meet the manpower
7 requirements of new businesses; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam was first conceptualized by
9 various families on Guam from different towns of Laguna, Philippines, who had a
10 vision of hope for camaraderie and service to the community; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the vision of these individuals came to reality at their first
12 organizational meeting held on January 17, 2000, with forty-eight (48) individuals
13 representing twenty-eight (28) families from Laguna, Philippines in attendance; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the first membership meeting was then held on January 30, 2000,
15 with thirty (30) towns in Laguna being represented by one hundred fifty (150)
16 individuals; and the first meeting of the Executive Board was held on February 23,
17 2000, which led the way to a formal certification of the Association by the Guam
18 Department of Revenue and Taxation on September 17, 2001; and

19 **WHEREAS**, since the establishment of the Association, the members of the
20 Laguna Association of Guam have participated in numerous fundraisers and special
21 events for the benefit of many charitable organizations, to include: the Guam *Lytico*
22 and *Bodig* Association; the American Red Cross; the American Cancer Society; the
23 *Alee* Shelter; the Guam Skilled Nursing Facility; the Catholic Social Service; the
24 Make-A-Wish Foundation; the *Mindanao* Catholic Church Renovation Project; the
25 Philippines National Red Cross; and various foundations for abused children and
26 disaster victims in Guam and the Philippines; and

1 **WHEREAS**, other worthwhile donations from the Association include the
2 donations of trash containers for *Guma Trankilidat*, Two Lovers Point, and the
3 Liberation Day festivities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam has also donated playground
5 equipment for the students of D.L. Perez Elementary School, *Ordot-Chalan Pago*
6 Elementary School and *Upi* Elementary School through a matching federal grant; and
7 it has also donated textbooks for the students of Maria Ulloa Elementary School, as
8 well as schools in the Philippines; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in December 2001, the Association donated a public picnic
10 shelter, with a barbeque pit and shower facilities, at the *Paseo De Susana* Park in
11 *Hagåtña*, with subsequent upgrades to the shelter that included additional concrete
12 walkways, and picnic tables and benches; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a bust statue of Dr. Jose Rizal, a Philippine national hero who was
14 born in Calamba, Laguna, was purchased by the Laguna Association of Guam and
15 installed at the official residence of the Philippine Consul General in *Tamuning* to be
16 used as a site for Filipinos of Guam to gather and honor the national hero on his
17 birthday and on Rizal Day; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the driving force behind the achievements of the Laguna
19 Association of Guam has been the commitment of its leaders and members, as well as
20 support from the business community of Guam, and the help of families and friends;
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam is now served by the Officers
23 for 2016-2017, which include: Angel Baldemor, President; Rina Basbas, Vice-
24 President; Cecilla Baldemor, Recording Secretary; Rose Tuquero, Corresponding
25 Secretary; Maritess Veracruz, Treasurer; Vesta Limuaco, Assistant Treasurer; Ann Sa
26 Leon Guerrero, Auditor; Omar Baldemor, Business Manager; Robert Fadul, Assistant

1 Business Manager; Leo Ugduracion, Press Relations Officer; and the Peace Officers
2 are Joe San Agustin, Bernard Cadawar and Frank De Leon; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Laguna Association for 2016-2017
4 are Ellie Baldemor, Noli Velo, Sonia Velo, Rudy Cahinhinan, Lorie Castelo, Cely
5 Carriaga, Liberty Dacquel, Elsie Doroteo, Eppie Grepaldon, Alvin Mogul, Marjorie
6 Nunez, Joanne San Agustin, Ofelia Villanueva and Peter Villanueva; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Advisors of the Laguna Association of Guam are Alex
8 Gagaring, Rene Valenzuela, Nelia Cahinhinan, Willy Miranda, Aida Miranda, Joe T.
9 San Agustin and Joe Guevarra; now therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
11 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Laguna Association
12 of Guam on the occasion of its Sixteenth (16th) Year Anniversary, and the Induction of
13 its Officers and Board of Directors for 2016-2017; and does further extend a sincere
14 *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to the Laguna Association of Guam for its
15 commitment to fostering and sharing the Laguna spirit of unity, culture and traditions
16 with the people of Guam and Laguna, Philippines; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
18 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Angel
19 Baldemor, President of the Laguna Association of Guam; and to the Honorable
20 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29TH DAY OF AUGUST 2016.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary