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March 23, 2011

**The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**

Speaker

*I Mina' Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**RE: Report on Res No. 40-31 (COR)**

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the Report on Res No. 40-31(COR) –  
“Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the  
United States House of Representatives to amend the ‘Tourism Promotion Act of 2009’,  
insuring Guam’s access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government”  
which was publicly heard on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Sinceru yan magåhet,

Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes



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**REPORT  
ON**

**RES NO. 40-31 (COR)**

**“Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the United States House of Representatives to amend the ‘Tourism Promotion Act of 2009’, insuring Guam’s access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government”**



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**REPORT DIGEST**

**I. OVERVIEW**

Resolution No. 40-31(COR) was introduced on March 2, 2011 by Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes and Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, and was subsequently referred to Senator T.R. Muña Barnes as sponsor on March 2, 2011.

Senator Muña Barnes, as sponsor, convened a public hearing on Resolution No. 40-31(COR) on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 9:00a.m. in *I Liheslatura's* Public Hearing Room.

**Public Notice Requirements**

Notices were disseminated via e-mail to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on March 9, 2011(5-Day Notice), and again on March 15, 2011(48-Hour Notice).

**Senators Present**

Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Senator V. Anthony Ada  
Senator Christopher M. Duenas

**II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION**

The public hearing was Called-to-Order at 9:11 a.m.

Senator Tina Muña Barnes opened the floor to discuss Resolution No.40-31(COR), introduced by Senator Barnes and Vice Speaker B.J. Cruz.

Senator gave an overview for the listening audience that the "Travel Promotion Act of 2009" was signed into law in March of last year. She said that the intent of the measure was to enhance travel to and within the United States of America, in partnership with the federal government. She said that the measure also created "The Corporation for Travel Promotion" as a nonprofit corporation for travel, and that the intent mandated a \$10 fee per travel authorization.

Senator Muña Barnes said that this Act allowed the U.S. to establish a multi-million dollar promotion program which permits the U.S. to compete on the global tourism stage for billions of dollars.

Senator Muña Barnes said that Guam receives approximately 1.3 million tourists from throughout the world including Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and other emerging markets. She emphasized that Guam is the westernmost soil of the United States of America and said that Guam is not included in this Act, and that without Guam's inclusion, we will not be able to access or directly benefit from the millions of dollars generated from tourism. Senator Muña Barnes said that it is imperative that our island be included in this tourism promotion program,



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and that it is absolutely necessary to work with the Congresswoman Bordallo to implore Congress to amend the existing law and ensure inclusion of Guam.

Senator Barnes opened the floor, and called upon Former First Lady Joann Camacho to testify.

Camacho represented the Guam Visitors Bureau as acting General Manager, and testified in favor of Resolution No. 40-31 (COR). She read written testimony of GVB, which is transmitted herein.

Camacho thanked the Senators for their time and for their good work. Senator Barnes thanked Camacho for her testimony. Senator Barnes proceeded with the public hearing by reading the response letter from Congresswoman Bordallo. This correspondence, along with Senator Barnes' letter to Congresswoman Bordallo, is transmitted herein.

Senator Barnes thanked Camacho for her time, and for working closely with the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing, and Recreation. She reiterated that we will work with Congresswoman Bordallo to make the amendment include Guam. She further stated that this money infused in our economy will surely benefit Guam especially in these trying times.

Senator Barnes opened the floor for senatorial commentary.

Senator Chris Duenas thanked Madame Chair for this very appropriate legislation. He then told Camacho that in all the years that he's worked with her, he knows her as a very energetic woman, specifically her role in the beautification projects of Guam. He then asked if there were any new and innovative programs or if she was looking at enhancing what GVB already exists.

Camacho responded that GVB's mission is to increase the number of tourists to Guam. She said that she would like to work with Congresswoman Bordallo when she returns to Guam in determining a timeline in getting this resolved, and is hopeful that the amendment will push through. She also said that it is important to strategize in terms of sustaining GVB's business.

Senator Barnes excused Former First Lady Joann Camacho. She also welcomed others to submit testimonies in regards to Resolution No. 40-31, via e-mail, facsimile transmittal, or hand-delivery.

Senator Barnes announced for the record that the items on the agenda have been publicly heard, thanked her colleagues for joining her, and adjourned the hearing at 9:55 a.m.

### **III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Senator Tina Muña Barnes hereby reports out Resolution No. 40-31(COR), with the recommendation to pass.

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2011 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 40-31 (COR)

Introduced By:

T.R. Muna Barnes  
B.J. Cruz

**Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the United States House of Representatives to amend the "Tourism Promotion Act of 2009", insuring Guam's access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama signed the "Travel Promotion Act  
4 of 2009" (The Act) into law on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Act created "The Corporation for Travel Promotion" as a  
6 nonprofit corporation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the corporation must provide useful information to foreign  
8 tourists, business people, students, scholars, scientists, and others interested in  
9 traveling to the United States; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, this information must include the distribution of material  
12 provided by the Federal government concerning entry requirements, required

13 documentation, fees, processes, and information concerning declared public health  
14 emergencies, to prospective travelers, travel agents, tour operators, meeting  
15 planners, foreign governments, travel media and other international stakeholders;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the corporation must identify, counter, and correct  
18 misperceptions regarding United States entry policies around the world; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the corporation is tasked with maximizing the economic and  
20 diplomatic benefits of travel to the United States by promoting the United States of  
21 America to world travelers through the use of, but not limited to, all forms of  
22 advertising, outreach to trade shows, and other appropriate promotional activities;  
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Act and its associated fee is intended to “support state,  
25 regional, and private sector initiatives to promote travel to and within the United  
26 States; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam receives approximately 1.3 million  
28 tourists from throughout the world including Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and  
29 others; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Act requires that no later than September 30, 2009, that  
31 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a fee for the use of the System  
32 and begin assessment and collection of that fee; and

33           **WHEREAS**, the initial fee shall be the sum of \$10.00 per travel  
34 authorization; and

35           **WHEREAS**, the US territory of Guam is not a part of the several “states”  
36 as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States of American and the Travel  
37 Promotion Act of 2009; and

38           **WHEREAS**, Guam’s exclusion may result in the loss of more than  
39 \$10, 000,000 in tourism promotion dollars to Guam; and

40           **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam have throughout our history sacrificed  
41 life, limb, and land in support of the American way of life; and

42           **WHEREAS**, Guam’s tourism industry accounts for approximately 60% of  
43 our island’s economic base; and

44           **WHEREAS**, any additional fees assessed to Guam’s visitors should be  
45 used to enhance the experience of visitors to Guam; and

46           **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam is the westernmost soil of the American  
47 Union; and fully deserving of full and fair treatment in federal programs that  
48 enhance our visitor base, enrich the international view of the “American” brand,  
49 and enrich our economy; and

50           **WHEREAS**, congressional action must be taken to include the island of  
51 Guam within the “Travel Promotion Act of 2009”; now, therefore, be it

52           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
53 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition Congresswoman Madeleine Z.  
54 Bordallo to initiate the process of including Guam within the “Travel Promotion  
55 Act of 2009; and be it further

56           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
57 attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be  
58 transmitted to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the U.S.  
59 Congress; and to the Honorable Eddie B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahren Guiihan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA*  
*LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2011.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary





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Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet

Thursday, March 17, 2011 • 9:00a.m. • Public Hearing Room

Res No. 40-31 (COR) – (T.R. Muña Barnes) – “Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation ‘in the United States House of Representatives to amend the “Tourism Promotion Act of 2009”, insuring Guam’s access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government ”

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION (IF ANY)	SUPPORT? OPPOSE?	WRITTEN TESTIMONY	ORAL TESTIMONY	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
Joann Canacho	GVB	support	✓	✓		jcanacho@nitiguan.org



March 17, 2011

Senator Tuna Muna Barnes  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing & Recreation  
31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature  
155 Hesler Place  
Hagatna, Guam 96910


Re: Resolution NO. 40-31 (COR) *To request Congresswoman Bordallo to introduce legislation to include Guam in the Travel Promotion Act 2009*

Hafa Adai Senator Barnes,

The Bureau is aware and familiar with this act as passed by congress and signed into law by President Obama in March 2010.

We are concerned the Act does not clearly define the inclusion of Guam or the other territories as part of the beneficiaries. During the colloquy on the House floor, it was stated that exclusion of the territories from the mandate of the Corporation of Travel Promotion was not intentional. Therefore, we support the resolution to remove the ambiguity and include all the territories of the United States. Guam and the territories are a source of funding for this program and therefore should be included in any travel promotion for the U. S.

Si Yu'os Ma'ase,

  
Joann G. Camacho  
Acting General Manager

cc: GVB Board of Directors  
Gerald Perez, General Manager





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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**

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March 01, 2011

Madeleine Z. Bordallo  
Guam Delegate to Congress  
2441 Rayburn HOB  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo,

*Hafa Adai!* As I am sure you are already aware, President Barack Obama signed "The Travel Promotion Act of 2009" ("The Act") into law in March of last year. The intent of this measure was to enhance travel to, and within, the United States of America.

In partnership with the federal government, the measure created the nonprofit "Corporation for Travel Promotion," mandated a \$10.00 fee per travel authorization granted, and implemented accountability measures within the Act's enabling statute.

The Act allowed the United States to establish a multi-million dollar promotion program to compete on the global stage for the billions of dollars and immeasurable goodwill that would come with additional overseas travelers.

Despite the fact that Guam receives approximately 1.3million tourists from throughout the world including Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and other emerging markets, our island is not a part of the several "states" this measure was meant to impact.

Without Guam's inclusion in this act and a congressional amendment effectuating that change, we will not be able to access, or directly benefit from, the more than \$10million in fees possibly generated by Guam's visitors.

As Guam is the westernmost soil of the United States of America, and we are engaged in a continuing competition for fewer tourism dollars throughout our region of the world, I believe it is imperative that our island become an integrated part of our

Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo

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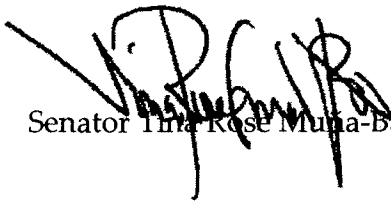
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nation's Travel Promotion Program. On behalf of the people, please amend existing federal law to include Guam in the Travel Promotion Act of 2009.

If I can assist you in any way regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me personally. Thank you for your continued service to our people.

Sins eru yan magâhet,



Senator Tina Rose Muna-Barnes

cc: Speaker  
Majority Leader  
Minority Leader

MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO  
GUAM

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March 2, 2011

The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes  
Chairwoman, Committee on Municipal Affairs,  
Tourism, Housing and Recreation  
I Mina'trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guahan  
155 Hesler St., Suite 101  
Hagatna, Guam 96910

Dear Chairwoman *Tina* Muna-Barnes,

I write in response to your letter regarding the Travel Promotion and Tourism Act of 2009. This bill was signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 4, 2010, and would establish a Corporation for Travel Promotion to encourage foreign travel to the United States.

I share your concern regarding Guam benefitting from the travel promotion activities established by this bill, and I have addressed this during debate and after passage of this bill. On September 25, 2009, I along with my colleagues from the U.S. territories sent a letter to Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer expressing our concerns with the Travel Promotion and Tourism Act of 2009 and its ability to address the unique needs of the U.S. territories. Specifically, we expressed concern regarding the intent of the Corporation for Travel Promotion's mission, "to ensure that international travel benefits all States and the District of Columbia."

Further, on October 7, 2009, during debate on S.1023, the Senate version of the Travel Promotion and Tourism Act of 2009 introduced by Senator Byron Dorgan of North Dakota, I shared my concerns with Congressman Bill Delahunt and Minority Whip Roy Blunt during a colloquy on the House floor. Congressman Delahunt stated that, "It is not the intent of this body for the territories to be excluded from the mandate of the Corporation of Travel Promotion or from the scope of duties prescribed by the bill for the offices within the Department of Commerce." Congressman Blunt reiterated this position by stating, "The territories should, without question, be made part of the corporation's and the Commerce Department's effort to promote international travel."


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The Honorable Tina Rose Muna-Barnes  
March 2, 2011  
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Since the bill's passage, I have also sent a letter to Secretary Gary Locke of the U.S. Department of Commerce requesting that he continue to maintain the intent of the Travel Promotion and Tourism Act of 2009 and include the U.S. territories as the provisions of the bill are implemented.

I thank you for writing to me regarding this issue, and I look forward to working with you to include Guam in this tourism promotional program.

Sincerely,

  
MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO  
Member of Congress



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March 2, 2011

### MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos  
Clerk of the Legislature

Attorney Therese M. Terlaje  
Legislative Legal Counsel

From: Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz  
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Res No. 40-31 (COR)

As Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Res No. 40-31 (COR). Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred, in my name, to the respective sponsor, as shown on the attachment.

I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina'trentai Unu na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse!*

(1) Attachments

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*I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**Resolutions Log Sheet**  
**March 2, 2011**

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## 1st Notice of Public Hearing

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Wed, Mar 9, 2011 at 2:33 PM

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Hafa Adai.

Attached is a memo from Senator Muña Barnes relative to the public hearing on the 17th of March.

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March 09, 2011

**Memorandum**

**TO:** All Members/All Senators

**FROM:** Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes   
Chairperson

**SUBJECT:** First Notice of Public Hearing  
Thursday, March 17, 2011

*Hafa Adai!*

Please be advised that the Committee on Municipal Affairs, Tourism, Housing and Recreation will be conducting a public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2011, beginning at 9:00a.m., in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room. This hearing is scheduled to receive public testimony on the following:

- The executive appointment of **Romeo A. Angel** to serve as a member of the Guam Housing Corporation Board of Directors
- Resolution No. 40-31 (COR)- T.R. Muña Barnes *Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the United States House of Representatives to amend the "Tourism Promotion Act of 2009", insuring Guam's access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government*

Written testimonies may be submitted on the day of, prior to, or up to ten days after the public hearing to the Office of Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes, 155 Hesler Place, Hagatña Guam 96910, via facsimile to 472-3400 or via email to [tinamunabarnes@gmail.com](mailto:tinamunabarnes@gmail.com). We comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you should require assistance or special accommodations, please contact our office at 472-3455/6 and speak with Rhea Taitano. I look forward to your attendance and participation.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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## 2nd Notice of Public Hearing

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Tue, Mar 15, 2011 at 9:17 AM

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Please see the attached memo from Senator Muña Barnes, relative to the public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

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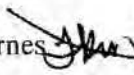
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March 15, 2011

Memorandum

TO: All Members/All Senators

FROM: Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes   
Chairperson

SUBJECT: **Second Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2011**

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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

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Office of The Legislative Secretary  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday, March 17, 2011

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Announcements
- III. Items for Public Consideration

9:00 AM

- A. **Appointment: Romeo A. Angel**, to serve as a member of the Guam Housing Corporation Board of Directors
- B. Resolution No. 40-31 (COR)- T.R. Muña Barnes *Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the United States House of Representatives to amend the "Tourism Promotion Act of 2009", insuring Guam's access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government*

- IV. Remarks
- V. Adjournment

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Electronic copies of the aforementioned items can be found on the Guam Legislature's website at [www.guamlegislature.com](http://www.guamlegislature.com). Hard copies can be obtained by visiting the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature. Testimony should be addressed to Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand-delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatña, Guam 96910, via e-mail to [senator@tinamunabarnes.com](mailto:senator@tinamunabarnes.com), or via facsimile to (671) 472-3400. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Richard Dohrumal or Rhea Taitano at our office. For further information, please call 472-3455/6. I look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*

# Senator Muna- Barnes Intros Resolution to Include Guam in Tourism Protection Act

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Guam - Senator Tina Muna-Barnes has introduced a resolution asking that Guam be included in the Tourism Protection Act.

"The Travel Promotion Act of 2009" created a nonprofit "Corporation for Travel Promotion."

The Act mandates a \$10.00 fee per travel authorization granted.

But as Senator Muna-Barnes points out in a letter to Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo, Guam is not included in the "Corporation for Travel Promotion," even though we welcome 1.3 million tourists every year.

As a result, Senator Muna-Barnes points out that Guam can not access, or directly benefit from that \$10 dollar fee which could generate more than \$10 million dollars, if Guam were included.

Read Senator Muna-Barnes' letter to Bordallo

March 01, 2011

Madeleine Z. Bordallo  
Guam Delegate to Congress  
2441 Rayburn HOB  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bordallo,

Hafa Adai! As I am sure you are already aware, President Barack Obama signed "The Travel Promotion Act of 2009" ("The Act") into law in March of last year. The intent of this measure was to enhance travel to, and within, the United States of America.

In partnership with the federal government, the measure created the nonprofit "Corporation for Travel Promotion," mandated a \$10.00 fee per travel authorization granted, and implemented accountability measures within the Act's enabling statute.

The Act allowed the United States to establish a multi-million dollar promotion program to compete on the global stage for the billions of dollars and immeasurable goodwill that would come with additional overseas travelers.

Despite the fact that Guam receives approximately 1.3 million tourists from throughout the world including Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and other emerging markets, our island is not a part of the several "states" this measure was meant to impact.

Without Guam's inclusion in this act and a congressional amendment effectuating that change, we will not be able to access, or directly benefit from, the more than \$10 million in fees possibly generated by Guam's visitors.

As Guam is the westernmost soil of the United States of America, and we are engaged in a continuing competition for fewer tourism dollars throughout our region of the world, I believe it is imperative that our island become an integrated part of our nation's Travel Promotion Program. On behalf of the people, please amend existing federal law to include Guam in the Travel Promotion Act of 2009.

If I can assist you in any way regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me personally. Thank you for your continued service to our people.

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Senator Muna- Barnes Intros Resolution...

Sinseru yan magañhet,  
Senator Tina Rose Muña-Barnes  
cc: Speaker  
Majority Leader  
Minority Leader

Read the Resolution:

I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced By: T.R. Muna Barnes  
B.J. Cruz

Relative to requesting Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the United States House of Representatives to amend the "Tourism Promotion Act of 2009", insuring Guam's access to millions of tourism related dollars from the federal government

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama signed the "Travel Promotion Act of 2009" (The Act) into law on March 4th 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Act created "The Corporation for Travel Promotion" as a nonprofit corporation; and

WHEREAS, the corporation must provide useful information to foreign tourists, business people, students, scholars, scientists, and others interested in travelling to the United States; and

WHEREAS, this information must include the distribution of material provided by the Federal government concerning entry requirements, required documentation, fees, processes, and information concerning declared public health emergencies, to prospective travelers, travel agents, tour operators, meeting planners, foreign governments, travel media and other international stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the corporation must identify, counter, and correct misperceptions regarding United States entry policies around the world; and

WHEREAS, the corporation is tasked with maximizing the economic and diplomatic benefits of travel to the United States by promoting the United States of America to world travelers through the use of, but not limited to, all forms of advertising, outreach to trade shows, and other appropriate promotional activities; and

WHEREAS, the Act and its associated fee is intended to "support state, regional, and private sector initiatives to promote travel to and within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the island of Guam receives approximately 1.3 million tourists from throughout the world including Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that no later than September 30, 2009, that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a fee for the use of the System and begin assessment and collection of that fee; and

WHEREAS, the initial fee shall be the sum of \$10.00 per travel authorization; and

WHEREAS, the US territory of Guam is not a part of the several "states" as defined by the Supreme Court of the United States of American and the Travel Promotion Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Guam's exclusion may result in the loss of more than \$10, 000,000 in tourism promotion dollars to Guam; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam have throughout our history sacrificed life, limb, and land in support of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, Guam's tourism industry accounts for approximately 60% of our island's economic base; and

WHEREAS, any additional fees assessed to Guam's visitors should be used to enhance the experience of visitors to Guam; and

WHEREAS, the island of Guam is the westernmost soil of the American Union; and fully deserving of full and fair treatment in federal programs that enhance our visitor base, enrich the international view of the "American" brand, and enrich our economy; and

WHEREAS, congressional action must be taken to include the island of Guam within the "Travel Promotion Act of 2009"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo to initiate the process of including Guam within the "Travel Promotion Act of 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter be transmitted to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the U.S. Congress; and to the Honorable Eddie B. Calvo, I Maga'lahaen Guiihan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2011.

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# Barnes Resolution Calls on Congresswoman to Fight for Guam's Share of Tourism Dollars

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A legislative hearing was held this morning on a resolution that asks Congresswoman Bordallo to introduce legislation in the U.S. House to amend the "Tourism Promotion Act of 2009" to allow Guam to access tourism related dollars from the Federal Government. The act mandates a \$10 fee on every foreign traveler to the United States.

With Guam attracting 1.3 Million tourists a year, senator Tina Muna Barnes said the island is missing out on millions of dollars.

"Guam is the Western-most soil of United States and we are in a competition for tourism dollar" Muna Barnes said. "We're imploring our Congresswoman to amend that Act of 2009."

Former First Lady and Deputy General Manager of the Guam Visitor's Bureau Joann Camacho emphasized the importance of including all territories in the travel promotion program.

"When we stay unified and on the same course it helps us," said Camacho. "I think what we need to do with congresswoman coming in the coming weeks is to a time line to get this resolved and pushed through."

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