

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 128**

Introduced by:

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**Relative to recognizing and celebrating the fourteenth
(14th) Anniversary of Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural
Village as it continues to educate, preserve and promote
the Chamorro culture of Guam.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS,** the Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village was established in
4 1993 as a living museum to showcase our Chamorro culture; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural Village provides the
2 youth of our island with educational opportunities and experiences so they
3 can learn and cherish our heritage; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural Village employs both the
5 village elders, who share their stories and experiences with the youth, and the
6 younger residents, who learn from the elders and will pass on our traditions
7 to the next generation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural Village affords all
9 visitors, including foreign tourists and all locals, the opportunity to learn
10 coconut husking, grating and the making of coconut candy and oil; salt
11 making from sea water; the weaving and cooking of rice lunch bags “*katupat*”;
12 the weaving of coconut leaves and pandanus leaves for baskets, hats and
13 decoration; the making of corn *titiyas* by grinding corn on the stone *mitate*;
14 baking in the Chamorro oven; making rope from wild hibiscus fibers; visiting
15 the Leon Guerrero Historic Home; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural Village also provides
17 workshops, for dance, songs, chants, instrument playing and language
18 lessons; and

19 **WHEREAS**, one (1) of events held during the Gef Pa’go Chamorro
20 Cultural Village’s fourteenth (14th) Anniversary Celebration is a cultural
21 dance competition for our youth; and

22 **WHEREAS**, for the last three (3) years, Gef Pa’go, in partnership with
23 the Pa’a Taotao Tano, has conducted a dance competition that has grown into
24 a two (2) weekend festival in which schools compete for trophies at Gef

1 Pa'go, then compete the following weekend at the Pa'a Cultural Village in
2 Tumon; and


3 **WHEREAS**, the dance competition is supported by volunteer labor,
4 logistical and venue support by Gef Pa'go, the Guam Reef Hotel, KUAM TV
5 and Radio, Shooting Star Productions, DNA Inc., Kloppenburg Enterprises,
6 and by funding from the Guam Visitors Bureau and the Guam Council on the
7 Arts and Humanities Agencies; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
9 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
10 people of Guam, recognize and celebrate the fourteenth (14th) Anniversary of
11 Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby recognize the dedicated employees and
14 volunteers of the Gef Pa'go Cultural Village for their efforts to educate,
15 preserve and promote the Chamorro Culture; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
17 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislative attest to, the adoption
18 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Cathy S.
19 N. Flores, Chairwoman of the Gef Pa'go Cultural Village; Senator Benjamin J.
20 F. Cruz, Chairperson of Pa'a Taotao Tano; and to the Honorable Felix P.
21 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
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