

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 146

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Relative to commending and congratulating the University of Guam Marine Laboratory on the occasion of its Thirty-fifth (35th) Anniversary celebration and to recognizing the contributions, vision and diligence of the original trio of faculty members - Drs. Robert S. Jones, Lucius G. Eldredge and Roy T. Tsuda, for their part in the conceptualization, construction and nurturing of what is today recognized as a World Class Marine Biology Research Facility.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, a trio of faculty members, University of Guam President
4 Dr. Antonio C. Yamashita, University leaders and community stakeholders
5 recognized that the island of Guam, surrounded by vast coastal resources,
6 was poised to play a major role in the important field of marine biology
7 research; and

8 **WHEREAS**, borne from that vision some thirty-five (35) years ago was
9 the University of Guam's Marine Biology Laboratory. Officially opened on
10 December 17th, 1970, the Marine Lab faculty consisted of pioneers Dr. Robert S.
11 Jones, Dr. Lucius G. Eldredge, and Dr. Roy T. Tsuda; and

12 **WHEREAS**, collectively and with the support of the University of Guam
13 community, the first three (3) faculty members laid a healthy foundation for
14 and set the tone for the continual improvement and enhancement of the
15 Marine Laboratory. Dr. Jones served as the first Director of the Lab, from
16 1970-1972, Dr. Eldredge, from 1972 -1974 and Dr. Tsuda, from 1974-1976; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1975, a grant from the United States Department of
18 Health, Education and Welfare aided in the construction of the 2nd floor of the
19 present day Marine Lab, which serves as general purpose labs and lecture
20 hall, and allowed the lower floors to become faculty offices; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, the National Science Foundation helped to further
22 expand the research facility with contributions for the building of the Marine

1 Lab's annex, housing the synoptic collections, molecular laboratory, and
2 additional faculty offices; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, an additional grant from the National Science
4 Foundation allowed University of Guam (UOG) to add housing for visiting
5 scientists, who recognize the institute as a premier research facility for coral
6 reef research; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as a result of its distinction as a world class research
8 facility, the Marine Lab has attracted students and scientists from around the
9 world and today boasts one hundred twenty (120) members of its alumni who
10 possess graduate degrees, and dozens enrolled in the discipline every
11 semester; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Marine Lab has recorded five hundred eighty five (585)
13 peer-reviewed publications, has produced one hundred sixteen (116) technical
14 reports and authored numerous publications related to the field of Marine
15 Biology; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Marine Laboratory plays an important role in regional
17 and national marine research, serving the greater Micronesian region by
18 performing basic and applied research on the biology of tropical marine
19 organisms, emphasizing conservation and management of coastal marine
20 resources; providing community service through environmental assessments,
21 technical reports, educational materials, public lectures and expertise on
22 marine issues; and teaching in the undergraduate and graduate programs in
23 biology at the University; and

1 **WHEREAS**, with the assistance of a Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand
2 Dollars (\$750,000) grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
3 Administration and similar awards totaling more than One Million Dollars
4 (\$1,000,000) for projects ranging from environmental impact studies, to
5 studying marine organisms for possible pharmaceutical development, to
6 creating an elementary curriculum to encourage school children to value and
7 appreciate coral reefs, Marine Lab faculty members work with scientists at
8 other universities around the world on a variety of projects that include the
9 common goal of conserving, monitoring and understanding coral reefs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the UOG Marine Lab continues to ensure that teaching,
11 research and outreach programs are developed to bring awareness and
12 interest to the marine and environmental sciences and partnerships with
13 University and Colleges throughout Micronesia and the world; and

14 **WHEREAS**, today, faculty at the Marine Lab includes a diverse group of
15 eight (8) full-time members who hail from Guam, the United States, Canada,
16 Australia, Belgium and Germany, each bringing a distinct perspective to the
17 study of Marine biology; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Professor Emeriti from the University Marine Laboratory
19 include: Lucius G. Eldredge, Ph.D., James A. Marsh, Jr. Ph.D., Richard H.
20 Randall, M.S., Roy T. Tsuda, Ph.D., Charles Birkland, Ph.D and Stephen G.
21 Nelson; now, therefore, be it

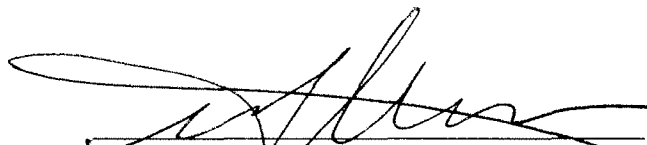
22 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
23 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

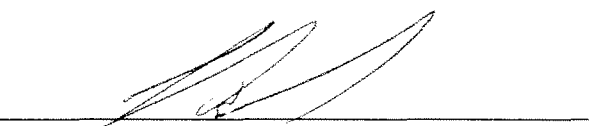
1 people of Guam, commend and congratulate the University of Guam Marine
2 Laboratory on the occasion of its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary celebration;
3 and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
6 people of Guam, recognizes the contributions, vision and diligence of the
7 original trio of faculty members-Drs. Robert S. Jones, Lucius G. Eldredge and
8 Roy T. Tsuda, for their part in the conceptualization, construction and
9 nurturing of what is today recognized as a World Class Marine Biology
10 Research Facility; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
12 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
13 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Barry D.
14 Smith, Director, University of Guam Marine Laboratory; to Dr. Robert S.
15 Jones, Dr. Lucius G. Eldredge, and Dr. Roy T. Tsuda; to Dr. Lorraine
16 Yamashita; to Dr. Harold L. Allen, UOG President; and to the Honorable Felix
17 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10TH
DAY OF MARCH 2006.**


MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature