

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 17**

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**Relative to recognizing the Twentieth Anniversary of Triple J Enterprises doing business on Guam and Micronesia and for its contribution to our island and its economy.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, on Sept. 14, 1984, Triple J Enterprises Inc. was founded by  
4        Robert H. Jones; his wife, Margaret; and his sister, Georgia Stafford, as  
5        original incorporators doing business as Triple J Motors, distributor of Subaru  
6        automobiles, Hino Heavy trucks and buses, and Bluebird school buses; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on May 14, 1985, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. acquired Mighal  
2 International, Inc. (dba: Triple J Merchant Services), a freight-forwarding  
3 business in Oakland, California, as nearly all products in Guam, the Northern  
4 Mariana Islands, and Micronesia have to be imported, this was a strategic  
5 acquisition on a long-term basis and would eventually play a major role in the  
6 support of the island-based companies; and

7           **WHEREAS**, on June 24, 1985, Triple J Saipan, Inc. was formed to  
8 represent the same brands as Triple J Motors Guam; and

9           **WHEREAS**, on November 22, 1986, Triple J opened its new  
10 distributorship facility located between Pay-Less and McDonald's in  
11 Tamuning, Guam; and

12           **WHEREAS**, on July 30, 1987, Triple J Marshals, Inc. was formed in  
13 Ebeye in the Marshal Islands after Triple J won a request for proposal by the  
14 local government; and

15           **WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1987, Triple J announced the scheduled  
16 opening of Autoworld in Harmon, which would be the second-largest  
17 automotive showroom on Guam and Triple J's third sales dealership; and

18           **WHEREAS**, in 1988, to fulfill the growing need for service in  
19 Micronesia, Triple J Wholesale Saipan was opened; and

20           **WHEREAS**, in June 1990, Triple J Motors acquired the Isuzu line of  
21 vehicles for Guam and Saipan; and

22           **WHEREAS**, on August 1, 1991, Triple J Enterprises, and co-owners  
23 Norman and Loli Chang opened One Stop Travel; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on August 6, 1992, Triple J Auto Distributors, Inc. was  
2 formed to acquire the distribution rights of Mitsubishi and Suzuki  
3 automobiles in Guam and Saipan from the retiring representative; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Triple J Auto appointed Triple J Motors Guam and Saipan  
5 as the new respective dealers in those islands; and

6           **WHEREAS**, on August 25, 1992, Triple J Motors was appointed to  
7 represent the Mitsubishi line of vehicles in Guam and Saipan; and

8           **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1992, Guam Auto World, Inc., a subsidiary of  
9 Triple J Enterprises, opened its Mitsubishi dealership in Tamuning; and

10          **WHEREAS**, in November 1992, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. was ranked  
11 No. 15 by sales in the *Guam Business News Magazine* annual listing, "The Big  
12 30"; and

13          **WHEREAS**, on April 1, 1993, Triple J Motors officially introduced  
14 Suzuki vehicles to its family of vehicles; and

15          **WHEREAS**, in July 1994, Triple J Enterprises, Inc. realized an  
16 opportunity in the tire business with the creation of Triple J Express Tire &  
17 Lube, focusing on the after-market tire and service business as well as the  
18 commercial truck and bus tire business; and

19          **WHEREAS**, Triple J Express Tire & Lube represents many quality tire  
20 brands including Michelin, Yokohama, and Kumho; and

21          **WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1994, Triple J Saipan welcomed the new year  
22 with the addition of the Hyundai line of vehicles to its family; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on February 23, 1994, Triple J Enterprises announced that  
2 Kmart, the second largest retailer in the United States, had entered into a co-  
3 purchase agreement and would share the 11-acre space in Upper Tumon; and

4           **WHEREAS**, on August 5, 1994, a groundbreaking ceremony was held  
5 for Kmart Guam in Upper Tumon, and will be 168,000 square feet with  
6 reciprocal access with Triple J Express Tire & Lube, and share the location site;  
7 and

8           **WHEREAS**, in November 1995, Triple J Enterprises was ranked No. 15  
9 for the second year in a row by *Guam Business News Magazine*, with \$39.66  
10 million in annual sales; and

11           **WHEREAS**, on December 9, 1995, in an effort to capitalize on the  
12 increasing tourist arrivals, Triple J once again diversified its interests with the  
13 acquisition of the Outback Steakhouse franchise in Guam, operated under the  
14 Triple J Restaurant Group Corporation; and

15           **WHEREAS**, on April 18, 1996, Triple J opened the Triple J 24-Hour Mini  
16 Mart at the Mobil Service Station adjacent to Triple J Used Car Mart and  
17 Express Tire and Lube, in front of Kmart in Upper Tumon; and

18           **WHEREAS**, on June 12, 1996, Triple J Used Car Mart announced the  
19 implementation of its Triple J Certified Used Car Program; and

20           **WHEREAS**, on October 2, 1996, WDI Saipan, Inc. is formed, and Triple J  
21 entered into a partnership to bring Tony Roma's and Capricciosa restaurants  
22 to Saipan; and

23           **WHEREAS**, in November 1996, Triple J moved up the annual Deloitte &  
24 Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 50 Companies in Micronesia, with

1 a 23.3% increase over the previous year, ranking No. 13 with \$48.9 million in  
2 sales; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on December 27, 1996, the Triple J Express Tire & Lube,  
4 Inc., Kmart location officially opened; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on March 25, 1997, Outback Steakhouse had its grand  
6 opening; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on April 20, 1997, Triple J Enterprises decided to enter the  
8 Guam market with the opening of Triple J Wholesale Foods; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on January 8, 1997, the grand opening of Tony Roma's  
10 Restaurant was held at the La Fiesta San Roque shopping plaza in Saipan; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on April 30, 1997, the Triple J Restaurant Group, Inc. was  
12 presented with an award by Hugh H. Connerty Jr., managing director of  
13 Outback Steakhouse International, in commemoration of the grand opening of  
14 Outback Steakhouse on Guam; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in November 1997, Triple J Enterprises moved up to No. 12  
16 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 60 Companies in  
17 Micronesia, with \$53.7 million in sales; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on November 17, 1997, Michelin Tires, one of the leading  
19 brands of quality tires, is added to Triple J's family of superior products; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on March 25, 1998, Triple J Enterprises announced the  
21 opening of TCBY and Gloria Jean's Coffees in the Pacific Place Building in  
22 Tumon; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on May 7, 1998, Triple J entered into a license and  
24 management agreement with the NECO Plaza Corporation in Palau; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on May 15, 1998, the official grand opening of Gloria Jean’s  
2 Coffees was held at the restaurant’s location; and

3           **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1998, the Interstate All Battery line was  
4 added to the list of premium brands distributed by Triple J Commercial Tire  
5 Center; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in November 1998, with \$58.1 million in sales, Triple J  
7 Enterprises breaks into the Top Ten at No. 10 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam*  
8 *Business News Magazine* Top 50 companies in Micronesia; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Triple J Enterprises was approached by the Ford  
10 Motor Company to discuss acquisition of the Ford Automobile dealership in  
11 Guam, and on August 19, 1999, after several weeks of negotiation, Triple J  
12 Motors assumed the Ford dealership for Guam; and

13           **WHEREAS**, on November 10, 1999, the Triple J Ford VIP Launch Party  
14 was held at the Hyatt Regency Guam with distinguished guest, Nihar Patel,  
15 regional sales and marketing director for worldwide direct market operations,  
16 Asia Pacific, for the Ford Motor Company; and

17           **WHEREAS**, on November 17, 1999, Ford Motor Company named Triple  
18 J Enterprises the exclusive dealer for Ford automobiles on Guam; and

19           **WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1999, distribution of Mazda vehicles was  
20 assumed by Triple J Motors, further solidifying Triple J Motor’s position as  
21 one of the top three automotive dealers on Guam by volume and market  
22 share; and

23           **WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2000, Triple J and Shallum Etpison opened  
24 Capricciosa Palau, Inc. in Koror; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in November 2000, Robert H. Jones was named one of the  
2 most influential persons in Guam’s tourism industry in “Tourism, A History,”  
3 in *Guam Business News Magazine*; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Outback Steakhouse, Gloria Jean’s Coffee, and TCBY  
5 Yogurt were cited as ways Robert Jones supports the tourism industry; and

6           **WHEREAS**, for the third consecutive year, Triple J Enterprises ranked  
7 in the top 10 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 50  
8 companies in Micronesia, moving up to No. 9; and

9           **WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2000, Triple J Motors and the Mazda Motor  
10 Corporation held a VIP Launch Party at the Pacific Star Hotel announcing  
11 their partnership, hosted by special guest Hiroyuki Utsumi, assistant manager  
12 for Europe and America sales for Mazda Motor Corporation; and

13           **WHEREAS**, on April 12, 2001 with the acquisition of PacWorld Ent.,  
14 one of the largest food wholesalers in the region, Triple J combined Triple J  
15 Wholesale on Guam and Saipan, with the newly purchased company creating  
16 a new entity, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Inc. on both islands and  
17 Neco Plaza Five Star in Palau, the new company, placing Triple J in the top  
18 three wholesale food businesses on Guam and possibly becoming the largest  
19 wholesale food company in Micronesia; and

20           **WHEREAS**, on April 18, 2000, Triple J Wholesale became Triple J Five  
21 Star Wholesale Foods, Inc. in Saipan; and

22           **WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2001, Robert H. Jones, founder and president of  
23 Triple J Enterprises, was inducted into the Guam Business Hall of Fame by the  
24 Guam Chamber of Commerce during it’s 77th Anniversary celebration; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2002, Triple J Motors acquired the Volvo line  
2 of automobiles and becomes the official dealer on Guam; and

3           **WHEREAS**, on November 2002, with \$72.2 million in sales, Triple J  
4 Enterprises ranked No. 8 in the Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News*  
5 *Magazine* Top 50 Companies in Micronesia; and

6           **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2003, Triple J extended its reach to the Marshall  
7 Islands by opening a retail grocery store in Majuro, doing business as JJJ  
8 Payless Markets; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in November 2003, Triple J Enterprises ranked No. 9 in the  
10 Deloitte & Touche/*Guam Business News Magazine* Top 50 Companies in  
11 Micronesia, with annual sales topping \$74.03 million; and

12           **WHEREAS**, in February 2004, Triple J partnered with WDI to open  
13 Tony Roma's and Capricciosa Restaurants in Garapan, Saipan; and

14           **WHEREAS**, on February 1, 2004, Triple J Enterprises became the  
15 distributor of Wynn's Oil; and

16           **WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2004, the expansion of business in the Marshall  
17 Islands continued with the opening of JJJ Payless Express Market; and

18           **WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2004, Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods  
19 received the International Food Service Marketing Award from Certified  
20 Angus Beef; and

21           **WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2004, Triple J Enterprises celebrated twenty  
22 (20) years of service to Guam, Saipan, and Micronesia with its 20th  
23 Anniversary celebration event; and



1           **WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2004, groundbreaking was scheduled to begin  
2 on the Triple J Enterprises \$11 million, 50,000-square-foot automotive  
3 dealership and corporate offices; and

4           **WHEREAS**, Triple J Enterprises is also a minority owner of several  
5 other companies in the Pacific Region, namely the Bank of Guam, and Pacific  
6 Basin Produce, Inc., a major produce supplier for some of Guam’s largest  
7 importers; and


8           **WHEREAS**, Triple J Enterprises is well known for its dedication to the  
9 community through its support of organizations like the Red Cross, the  
10 American Cancer Society, KGTF, Pacific Missionary Aviation and its  
11 ministries in the islands of Micronesia, the Boy Scouts of America, the  
12 American Red Cross, the Alee Shelter, Sanctuary, Inc., the Salvation Army,  
13 Crime Stoppers, *Ayuda* Foundation, and Island Girl Power and other  
14 worthwhile causes; now, therefore, be it

15           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*  
16 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
17 people of Guam, recognize that Triple J Enterprises has served our island  
18 community through its efforts by contributing to Guam’s economy, bolstering  
19 its workforce, and philanthropically supporting many charities and nonprofit  
20 organizations; and does further recognize its Twentieth Anniversary  
21 celebration of doing business on Guam and Micronesia; and be it further

22           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
23 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
24 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Robert H.

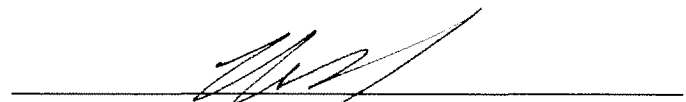
1 Jones; to Margaret Jones and Georgia Stafford, as original incorporators doing  
2 business as Triple J Motors; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I  
3 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.**



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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