

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
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Relative to commending and congratulating Larry Franquez, a native son of Guam, on a successful career as a musician; and to recognizing his contributions to the advancement of island talent in the field of music on the occasion of the "10th Annual Larry Franquez Drum Clinic."

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Larry Franquez was born on February 17, 1958 to Jesus G.
4 (dec.) and Francisca Q. Franquez; and is married to Sumie Franquez and are
5 blessed with two (2) children, Jenny and Shawn; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1962, at the tender age of four (4), Larry began playing
2 the drums and a year later, Larry's skill catapulted him into the spotlight.
3 From 1963 – 1968, young Larry performed as a drum-set soloist on Guam
4 television, at talent shows, carnivals and other public and private events; and

5 **WHEREAS**, from 1972 -1979, Larry Franquez worked with a variety of
6 bands at multiple venues on the island. By 1980, Larry had worked with all of
7 Guam's top jazz musicians, including those who had emigrated from Italy,
8 Singapore, Philippines, New Zealand and Great Britain; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the influence of eastern and western jazz inspired Larry to
10 the art and a venture to Boston, Massachusetts where he graduated in 1984
11 from Berklee College of Music with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, with guidance from Alan Dawson and John Ramsey, Larry
14 developed his own expression in the art of playing drums. His pursuit of
15 rhythmic interpretation and the exploration of jazz made him a world
16 traveler; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Larry has performed with George Benson, Benny Powell,
18 Tom Harrell, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Houston Person, Jerry Weldon, Danny Mixon,
19 Bruce Gertz, Tony Dumas, Calvin Keys, Yuzuru "Joe" Sera, Barry Reis, T.K.
20 Blue and Sadao Watanabe to name a few; and

21 **WHEREAS**, from 1998 to 2005, Larry performed in New York City,
22 Boston, Los Angeles and Japan as a bandleader and sideman, where his
23 talents allowed him the opportunity to work with some of those areas most
24 noted jazz musicians; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Larry’s travels ensure that he is able to explore the
2 continual evolution and inexhaustible energy of the universe of jazz; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Larry’s work as an educator of vocal and general music in
4 both the public and private school systems in Guam from 1985-1998 is world
5 renowned, as his students have earned prestigious awards in band
6 competitions in New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Diego, Hawaii, and
7 Canada; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Larry teaches aspiring percussionists and musicians at his
9 popular annual drum clinic in Guam. Over the years, Larry has conducted
10 and presented drum clinics and jazz workshops throughout the western and
11 central pacific region including Japan; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, Larry introduced the Larrie Londin Memorial
13 Scholarship Fund to Guam and Micronesia, which is administered by the
14 Percussive Arts Society for drummers ages twenty-four (24) and under and
15 donates the proceeds from his annual drum clinic to the scholarship fund; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, October 21, 2006, Larry will host the 10th
17 Annual Larry Franquez Drum Clinic at the Guam Reef Hotel, Pandanus
18 Room; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Drum Clinic is sponsored this year by Shimbros Music,
20 Guam Reef Hotel, SABIAN, Vic Firth Inc., Sunlite, DW Drums, Percussive
21 Arts Society and Budget Car Rental; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Larry Franquez, with the support of Rick Fargis, celebrates
23 ten (10) successful years of offering free drum clinics to drummers, musicians,
24 vocalists and persons of all levels and of all ages; and

1 **WHEREAS**, proceeds from door prizes donated by endorsement
2 companies and Shimbros Music benefit the Larrie Londin Memorial
3 Scholarship Fund; and

4 **WHEREAS**, corporate sponsors that have supported the drum clinics in
5 the past include: Westin Resort, Outrigger Resort, Hyatt Resort, Town House
6 Department Store, Continental Airlines, KGTF, Shooting Star Productions,
7 Sinajana Community, University of Guam Music Department and Marianas
8 College, Saipan; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Larry has organized and conducted music and jazz
10 workshops in Guam, Majuro, Saipan, Rota and Tinian to benefit elementary,
11 middle and high school students and college students, including amateur and
12 professional musicians; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Larry Franquez is Guam's first and only international artist
14 endorser. His endorsements include SABLON Cymbals, Vic Firth Drumsticks,
15 Sunlite Drums and DW Drums Pedals and Hardware. He has appeared four
16 (4) times in a product advertisement in Modern Drummer Magazine ("World's
17 #1 Drum Magazine") most recently in the September 2006 issue; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Larry Franquez was the school Band Director for JFK High
19 School, Piti Middle School, Bishop Baumgartner Middle School and Santa
20 Barbara School. In school year 2006-07, Larry is the Band Director at Agueda
21 I. Johnston Middle School; 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, join in commending and congratulating Larry Franquez, a
2 native son of Guam, on a successful career as a musician; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
4 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, recognize Larry Franquez's contributions to the
6 advancement of island talent in the field of music on the occasion of the "10th
7 Annual Larry Franquez Drum Clinic"; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Larry
11 Franquez; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 20TH
DAY OF OCTOBER 2006.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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