

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 28

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Relative to recognizing the Vietnamese Heritage and the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American Community on Guam.

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

3 WHEREAS, the current Vietnam Hanoi Communist Regime continues
4 to be a one party state ruled by an un-elected and unaccountable government
5 that continuously and arbitrarily infringes upon the human rights and
6 religious freedom of its people; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the end of the Vietnam conflict resulted in an exodus of
2 over two million (2,000,000) Vietnamese seeking political asylum and the
3 island of Guam, where America’s day begins, was the first home on the free
4 world for those who bravely risked their lives to live under the prosperity of
5 democracy; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam became home for many Vietnamese-
7 Americans, a community having made substantial contributions to our
8 culture, business, and commerce; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of Vietnamese-American embrace the flag
10 of their former country as the symbol of their community; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
12 dating back to 1948, has long symbolized the resilience, freedom and
13 democracy of and for the Vietnamese community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the people of the former Republic of Vietnam were valiant
15 in their resistance to the aggression of communist North Vietnam, and the
16 refugees from the Republic of Vietnam, who emigrated and settled in the
17 island of Guam, should be honored and remembered for their sacrifices; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668 endorses the
19 recognition of the Vietnamese Community of Guam’s freedom flag of the
20 former South Vietnam; and

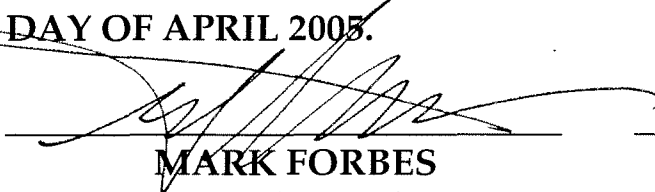
21 **WHEREAS**, the flag of the free Vietnamese-Americans is the flag of the
22 former Republic of South Vietnam, which consists of three (3) horizontal
23 stripes of red upon a field of gold; and this flag is an eternal symbol of the
24 hope and love for all people of Vietnamese descent, just as the American flag

1 symbolizes these virtues and sacrifices of citizens across the United States;
2 now, therefore, be it


3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 recognize the freedom flag as the National Flag of the Vietnamese Community
5 and commend the members of the Vietnamese Community for their many
6 triumphs and successes in the years following the collapse of their
7 government in 1975; 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 Mr. Hau Le,
11 President, Vietnamese Community of Guam; to Mr. Juan Finona, President,
12 Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 668; and to the Honorable Felix P.
13 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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



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Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



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