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Executive Committee Resolution No. 73

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Relative to recognizing and celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Guam Visitors Bureau as it continues to efficiently promote and develop Guam as a safe and satisfying destination for visitors and to deriving maximum benefits for the people of Guam.

- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
- 2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, Guam's development of tourism was first acknowledged
- 4 by local government officials in 1952 with the enactment of Public Law 67;
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- 6 WHEREAS, Public Law 6 promoted a travel industry on Guam; and

WHEREAS, the measure was passed by the First Guam Legislature and 1 2 signed into Law by then Governor Carlton Skinner; and 3 WHEREAS, the territory placed under a security restriction on travel 4 imposed by the former Naval Administration that caused plans for a travel 5 industry to come to a halt; and WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy lifted the security 6 7 restriction and Guam's tourism development moved closer to realization; and WHEREAS, in 1963, the Government of Guam established the Guam 8 9 Tourist Commission within the Department of Commerce with Executive 10 Order No. 63-10 as issued by Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero; and 11 WHEREAS, on May 1, 1967, Pan American World Airways landed on 12 Guam with one hundred nine (109) Japanese tourists; and 13 WHEREAS, in that first year, Guam recorded six thousand (6,000) 14 visitor arrivals; and 15 WHEREAS, in July of 1970, the Guam Tourist Commission was 16 renamed the "Guam Visitors Bureau" and separated from the Department of 17 Commerce by Executive Order No. 70-24; and WHEREAS, the Guam Visitors Bureau's mission statement is "to 18 efficiently and effectively promote and develop Guam as a safe and satisfying 19 20 destination for visitors and to derive maximum benefits for the people of 21 Guam" as adopted on September 28, 1995 and updated on January 13, 2005; 22 and 23 WHEREAS, since tourism provides over fifty percent (50%) of the Gross Island Product, the industry is considered to be the main contributor to 24 25 Guam's economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina' Bente Ocho Na 1 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 2 people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Guam Visitors Bureau on its 3 35th Anniversary of efficiently and effectively promoting and developing 4 Guam as a safe and satisfying destination for visitors and to deriving 5 maximum benefits for the people of Guam; and be it further 6 7 RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 8 9 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Board of 10 Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau; to the General Manager of the Guam

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2005.

Visitors Bureau; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

MARK FORBES

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Speaker and

Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature