Execution No. 10-3

Introduced by

F. B. AGUON/IR.

RELATIVE TO EXTENDING THE APPRECIATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO THE COMMUNITY OF PLAQUEMINES, LOUISIANA FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND ACCOMMODATIONS EXTENDED TO THE MEMBERS OF JOINT TASK FORCE GUAM, GUAM NATIONAL GUARD, AND ITS GUARD ATTACHMENTS; AND FURTHER EXTENDS GUAM'S BEST WISHES TO THE RESIDENTS OF PLAQUEMINES, LOUISIANA, FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, several of the communities in the state of Louisiana experienced tremendous devastation to their homes and property caused by Hurricane Katrina and Rita in late August, 2005, which includes the Parish of Plaquemines; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the natural disaster and the tremendous destruction caused to the communities within Louisiana, the people of Guam responded through raising more than \$160,000.00 for the American Red Cross within two months immediately after the storm through various fundraising activities, with such funds to be dedicated to support the residents of the areas most in need; and

WHEREAS, these funds were generated with the express intention of providing direct support to the residents and businesses of these communities in their restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, the children of Guam also extended their support to their school children counterparts within the affected communities through writing letters and creating personal cards expressing their encouragement and prayers for a complete recovery to the heavily affected areas; and

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WHEREAS, the children of Guam also extended their support to their school children counterparts within the affected communities through writing letters and creating personal cards expressing their encouragement and prayers for a complete recovery to the heavily affected areas; and

WHEREAS, in excess of one hundred Guam National Guard members volunteered and were tasked with extending support to the heavily affected community of Plaquemines, Louisiana, which includes providing much-needed force protection, debris clean-up, humanitarian activities, and other community support efforts; and

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, government officials, and National Guard representatives have collectively joined to assist in the direct and speedy recovery of Plaquemines Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Plaquemines Parish has been extremely supportive to Task Force Guam, and its fellow National Guard attachment units, through its accommodations and generous contributions to the guard members as they perform their much-needed missions in assisting the Parish toward its recovery efforts; now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan on behalf of the people of Guam does hereby extend its warmhearted appreciation and Un Dångkolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' (Thank you very much) to the Plaquemines Parish for its generous accommodations and support provided to the members of Task Force Guam, and its fellow National Guard attachments; and further extends best wishes to the residents of the parish for a continued successful and speedy recovery; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Benny Rousselle, President of Plaquemines Parish; to the office of the Guam National Guard; to the Honorable F. Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005.

MARK FORBES Speaker EDWARD J.B. CALVO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature