




**MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2006 (2<sup>nd</sup>) Regular Session**

*Elec. Comm.*  
Resolution No. 114 ( *EC* )

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio   
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Relative to recognizing and commending the Laguna Association of Guam on its 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary and outstanding accomplishments, and congratulating the 2006 Officers, Board of Directors and Advisors, and to express *un Dån'kolo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* to its members for their many valuable contributions to the people of Guam.

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

3           WHEREAS, the families of Afuang, Agbada/Cahinhinan,  
4 Baldemor, Baet/Gagaring and San Agustin from the remote town of  
5 Paete, the Milano family from Pila, and Guevara family from Santa Cruz,  
6 Laguna, Philippines formed the Laguna Association of Guam on January  
7 17, 2000 with a vision of fostering camaraderie and service to our island  
8 community together with forty-eight individuals representing twenty-  
9 eight (28) families; and

10           WHEREAS, Charter Officers and Board of Directors elected at the  
11 initial membership meeting of January 30, 2000 and subsequently  
12 obtained certification as a civic, non-profit organization with the filing of

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1 its Constitution and By-Laws registered with the Department of Revenue  
2 & Taxation on April 6, 2000. Mrs. Nelia Cahinhinan, the first elected  
3 President, presided over the Charter Inauguration and formal induction  
4 of the Laguna Association of Guam officers and board of directors on  
5 May 28, 2000; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam membership is  
7 comprised of individuals with lofty ideals to promote brotherhood;  
8 protect the interest of its members; invite all residents of Guam,  
9 including but not limited to, Filipinos and Fil-Chamorros, regardless of  
10 province-birth, eager and willing to be adopted sons and daughters of  
11 the historical province of Laguna, 'The Resort Province of the  
12 Philippines'; and

13       **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam enthusiastically  
14 pursued activities to attain it's Constitution and By-Laws objectives,  
15 actively recruiting friends and relatives, affectionately referred to as  
16 '*kababayans*', to join monthly board and quarterly membership meetings  
17 as evidenced by the substantial membership growth in a year's time  
18 from twenty-eight families to one hundred sixty-two families, amounting  
19 to three hundred individuals; and

20       **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam volunteered time for  
21 immediate and sustained humanitarian service for typhoon disaster  
22 victims and sponsored successful fundraisers contributing to many  
23 admirable causes,

1           **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam, has received  
2 accolades from numerous organizations, such as our island's Guam  
3 Lytico & Bodig Association; American Red Cross; American Cancer  
4 Society; Alee Shelter; Guam Skilled Nursing Facility; Saint Dominic's  
5 Adult Care Home; Catholic Social Services; *Guma Trankilidad*; Guam  
6 Community College Scholarship Program; Two Lover's Point and  
7 Liberation Day festivity organizers; Philippine Consulate Office; and  
8 M.A. Ulloa Elementary School; non-profit organizations in the  
9 association's motherland to include the Philippine National Red Cross,  
10 Laguna Chapter for typhoon disaster victims; and the Philippine Bantay  
11 Bata 163 for abused children and afflicted with dreadful diseases; the  
12 Calamba Parish Church; the Laguna Governor's Abused Wife  
13 Foundation; and the Nayon Turo-turo Organization; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam volunteers financial  
15 assistance and support to members in need; and provide canopies,  
16 chairs, tables, coolers, jugs, and other required items for meetings and  
17 special gatherings and actively participates in the Veterans of Foreign  
18 Wars (VFW) annual celebration; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam was awarded the  
20 Best Cultural display at the Pista nang Nayon festivities 2003 held at  
21 Governor Joseph Flores Beach Park, Tumon; and maintains the annual  
22 Laguna Association of Guam Christmas caroling for our island residents;  
23 and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam’s commitment to  
2 preserving its cultural heritage is demonstrated through the purchase  
3 and unveiling of a bust of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Philippine’s National Hero  
4 in conjunction with the celebration of Rizal Day, December 30, 2003 and  
5 assumption of responsibility for the building, restoration and  
6 beautification of the Laguna shelter located at Greg D. Perez Marina in  
7 *Hagåtña*; and

8           **WHEREAS**, that the Laguna Association of Guam has proven to be  
9 a proud part of our island’s Filipino society, the Guam community, and  
10 dedicates itself to giving back to our island community and remains  
11 committed to improving the quality of life to those less fortunate right  
12 here at home and continue to strive to achieve much more in years to  
13 come; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Laguna Association of Guam celebrates its 6<sup>th</sup>  
15 Anniversary on March 25, 2006 at the Guam Marriott Resort with the  
16 induction of its 2006 officers, Mr. Rene Valenzuela, President; Mr. Alex B.  
17 Gagaring, Vice President; Ms. Baby Lasanas, Corresponding Secretary;  
18 Ms. Enrie Abaya, Recording Secretary; Ms. Letty Villas, Treasurer; Ms.  
19 Rose Milano, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. Rudy Cahinhinan, Auditor; Ms.  
20 Rose Roberto, Business Manager; Ms. Ellie Baldemor, Assistant Business  
21 Manager; Ms. Jovy Valenzuela, Public Relations Officer; Messrs. Jeffrey  
22 Guevara, Narsing Lasanas, and Rufino Elomina, Peace Officers; and its  
23 Board of Directors, Mr. Eddie Abaya, Mr. Angel Baldemor, Mr. Ebbs  
24 Baldoz, Ms. Nancy Baldoz, Ms. Rina Basbas, Mr. Mario Briones, Ms.

1 Araceli Cariaga, Mr. Narciso Custodio, Ms. Grace Evangelista, Mr. Jojo  
2 Guevara, Mr. Nanding Guevarra, Ms. Aida Miranda, Mr. Dan Romulo,  
3 Ms. Lolit Tuazon, and Ms. Tess Veracruz; and its Advisors, Ms. Nelia  
4 Cahinhinan, Dr. Jose Cariaga, Mr. Quirino Basbas, Mr. Joe Guevara, Ms.  
5 Sonnie Hetzel, Mr. Willie Miranda and Mr. Joe T. San Agustin; now  
6 therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
8 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the Laguna  
9 Association of Guam and commends the hard work and commitment of  
10 the leadership of the association and its members, who are the driving  
11 force behind immeasurable achievements, for their valuable  
12 contributions to the people of Guam; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
14 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter  
15 transmitted to Mr. Rene Valenzuela, President, Laguna Association of  
16 Guam; to the Honorable Teresita Mendiola, Philippine Consulate  
17 General ; to the Honorable Teresita S. Lazaro, Governor, Laguna  
18 Province, Philippines; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
19 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF  
JANUARY, 2006.**

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**Mark Forbes**  
**Speaker**

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**Edward J.B. Calvo**  
**Senator and Legislative Secretary**