



I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 121 ↔

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS OF THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GUAM, ON THE  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS AN  
AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AGENCY

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

3 WHEREAS, the Guam International Airport Authority was created  
4 by enactment of Public Law 13-57 on January 20, 1976; and

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of the newly-created agency was to acquire,  
6 construct, reconstruct, purchase, extend, improve, better, operate and  
7 maintain airports and related facilities for civil aviation purposes on Guam;  
8 and



1           **WHEREAS**, the Authority was also empowered to acquire and  
2 develop real property for airport facilities, and administer airport facilities  
3 on federal lands pursuant to the Joint Use Agreement with the United  
4 States; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Authority was allowed to avail itself of professional  
6 services of qualified consultants, specialists and experts; and

7           **WHEREAS**, adequate funding for airport operations and capital  
8 projects was provided through complete authority to set and collect fees,  
9 rates, rentals, landing fees and charges, and to issue revenue; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,  
11 Guam was established with these powers and the confidence of this  
12 community to be self-sustaining; and

13           **WHEREAS**, Guam's airport Authority is generally regarded as our  
14 premier government of Guam agency, delivering world-class service to  
15 residents, visitors and community tenants alike without financial reliance  
16 on local taxpayers; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the governing Board, management and staff of the  
18 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam are comprised  
19 almost entirely of talent drawn from the local community; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the men and women who guide, manage and operate  
21 our island's only civilian air travel and cargo port have overcome the  
22 challenges of adversity and natural calamity; and

23           **WHEREAS**, the Authority has embarked on an ambitious \$102  
24 million capital enhancement program, transforming the 1950's style naval

1 air base facilities and surrounding neighborhoods into a competitive 21<sup>st</sup>  
2 Century portal for trans-Pacific air traffic; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,  
4 Guam is committed to serving a demand-driven regional market for  
5 airport services, created by the dynamics of new generation carriers and  
6 globalization, with its endorsement of "Open Skies" lifting of federal  
7 restrictions on competition for regional and domestic cargo and  
8 passengers; and,

9 **WHEREAS**, in January 2006 the people of Guam celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup>  
10 Anniversary of the establishment of the Antonio B. Won Pat International  
11 Airport Authority, Guam ("Authority") as a public corporation and  
12 autonomous instrumentality of the government of Guam; and now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED** that the 28th Guam Legislature hereby commends the  
15 Board of Directors, management, staff and community partners of the  
16 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam for their  
17 exemplary dedication to cause the public purposes of the Authority's  
18 mandate to be fulfilled in 2005; and now be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the 28th Guam Legislature congratulates the  
20 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam Board of  
21 Directors, management, staff and community partners on the occasion of  
22 the Authority's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding as an autonomous  
23 instrumentality of the people of Guam; and now be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
25 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

1 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Frank F. Blas, Chairman, Board of  
2 Directors, and to the Governor of Guam.

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

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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker

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