

MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 128 (EC)

Introduced by:

A. R. Unpingco

Relative to recognizing and celebrating the 14th Anniversary of Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village as they continue to educate, preserve and promote the Chamorro culture of Guam.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village was established in 1993
4 as a living museum to showcase our Chamorro culture; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village provides the youth of
6 our island with educational opportunities and experiences so they can learn and
7 cherish our heritage; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village employs both the
9 village elders, who share their stories and experiences with the youth, and the younger
10 residents, who learn from the elders and will be passing our traditions to the next
11 generation; and

12 **WHEREAS,** the Gef Pa'go Chamorro Cultural Village affords all visitors,
13 including foreign tourists and all locals, the opportunity to learn coconut husking,
14 grating and the making of coconut candy and oil; salt making from sea water; the
15 weaving and cooking of rice lunch bags "*katupaf*"; the weaving of coconut leaves and
16 pandanus leaves for baskets, hats and decoration; the making of corn *titiyas* by
17 grinding corn on the stone *mitate*; baking in the Chamorro oven; making rope from
18 wild hibiscus fiber; visiting the Leon Guerrero Historic Home; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural Village also provides different
2 workshops including dance, songs, chants, instrument playing and language lessons;
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4 **WHEREAS**, one of events held during the Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural
5 Village’s 14th Anniversary celebration is a cultural dance competition for our youth;
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7 **WHEREAS**, for the last three years, Gef Pa’go, in partnership with the Pa’a
8 Taotao Tano, has conducted a dance competition and it has grown into a two-
9 weekend festival where schools compete for trophy awards at Gef Pa’go, then
10 continue on the following weekend for a competition at the Pa’a Cultural Village in
11 Tumon; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the dance competition is supported by our island community in
13 the form of volunteer labor, logistical and venue support by Gef Pa’go, the Guam
14 Reef Hotel, KUAM TV and Radio, Shooting Star Productions, DNA Inc.,
15 Kloppenburg Enterprises, and, by funding from the Guam Visitors Bureau and the
16 Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agencies; now therefore be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby on behalf of the people of Guam, join in recognizing and
19 celebrating the 14th Anniversary of Gef Pa’go Chamorro Cultural Village; and be it
20 further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby recognizes all the contributions of the dedicated
23 employees and volunteers of the Gef Pa’go Cultural Village for their efforts to
24 educate, preserve and promote the Chamorro culture; and be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee
26 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of
27 the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Cathy S. N. Flores, Chairwoman of the Gef

- 1 Pa'go Cultural Village; Sen. Benjamin J. F. Cruz, Chairperson of Pa'a Taotao Tano;
- 2 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE ____ DAY OF ____, 2006.

Mark Forbes
Speaker

Edward Calvo
Senator and Legislative Secretary