

I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee Resolution No. 131

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating *Pa'a Taotao Tano* and the dance groups from throughout Guam the Northern Mariana Islands that participated in *Pa'a's Fourth Annual Dinaña Minagof Chamorro Dance Competition and Festival*

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

WHEREAS, *Pa'a Taotao Tano* is a registered non-profit organization that has been in existence since 2001, having been founded to preserve and promote the culture of the Chamorro people, the indigenous residents of Guam and the Marianas Islands; and

WHEREAS, *Pa'a Taotao Tano* is comprised of hundreds of cultural practitioners and advocates, including all of the major Chamorro cultural dance groups in Guam, hosting annual cultural festivals featuring Chamorro cultural dancing, arts & crafts, storytelling & oral history, and music & song; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 12, 18 and 19, 2006, *Pa'a*, in partnership with *Gef Pa'go Inarajan* and the Guam Reef Hotel, presented their Fourth Annual *Dinaña Minagof Chamorro Dance Competition and Festival* with groups from Guam schools including Carbullido & Talofofu Elementary Schools and Inarajan, Oceanview & Untalan Middle Schools; and

WHEREAS, also taking part in the competition and festival were Guam community based groups *Paraisu, Inetnon Gef Pa'go, Famagu'on Oro, Famagu'on Natibu, Katon I Tano & Simiyan Natibu*, as well as two groups from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, *Inatuas* from Saipan and *Taga Cultural Dancers* from Tinian; and

WHEREAS, the second week of the competition was held at *Pa'a Taotao Tano's Chamorro Cultural Village* at the Guam Reef Hotel in the heart of Guam's Tourist district, the Village's purpose being to provide proper facilities for the regular exhibition of Chamorro culture for the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Visitors Bureau has determined through studies and surveys that visitors who come to Guam desire more *Chamorro* cultural attractions, and the regular exhibition of *Chamorro* culture also serve as an attraction for visitors to Guam; and

WHEREAS, *Pa'a Taotao Tano* has demonstrated their commitment to the preservation and protection of the *Chamorro* culture through their leadership in the enhancement of cultural development, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam commend and congratulate *Pa'a Taotao Tano* and the dance groups from throughout Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands that participated in *Pa'a's Fourth Annual Dinaña Minagof Chamorro Dance Competition and Festival*; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the *Pa'a Taotao Tano Executive Director and Board*, to the *Gef Pa'go Board*

Chairman, to the General Manager of the Guam Reef Hotel, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.