

MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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EDJ

Resolution No. _____

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and honoring the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation on their visit to the island of Guam in memory of *Operation New Life* and to further extending a sincere *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse* to the Vietnamese American Community of Guam for the contributions they have made for the betterment of our island community.

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

WHEREAS, in 1975, the island of Guam hosted over 150,000 individuals from Vietnam and served as a harbor of refuge and a place for individuals to seek the beginning of a new and safe life away from the ravages of war and the tyranny of a despotic regime; and

WHEREAS, while many Vietnamese moved to the mainland United States, a number of individuals and families decided to make Guam their new home, which added to the cultural mix of one of the most diverse populations in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, in memory of their challenges, cultural transition, and hope for a brighter life for future generations, the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation was established in 2004 to help preserve and promote the understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of Vietnamese Americans, a great part of which involved changes from a tyrannical government to a new and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, members of the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation work hard to help celebrate and promote their pride as Americans of Vietnamese descent; provide opportunities for Vietnamese Americans, both individuals and organizations, to contribute to the betterment of the American society and Vietnamese American Community through the understanding of their unique history and heritage; support active citizenship for Vietnamese Americans through participation in the American cultural and political system; and to promote the integration of the Vietnamese American Community into American society while maintaining their unique and positive characteristics; and

WHEREAS, members of the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation are committed to preserving, promoting, and celebrating Vietnamese American history and heritage for present and future generations of Vietnamese Americans; and

WHEREAS, in light of the efforts made by the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation to help establish a permanent repository, physically and in the minds of men, of the history of Vietnam, its people and of the significant role

this country continues to have in the development of world history; it is also proper that recognition be made of the immeasurable amount of support and assistance provided to the island by Vietnamese Americans who call Guam their home; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American Community of Guam has assiduously donated time, effort and money to civic endeavors, beautification projects and philanthropic organizations and through the collective efforts of its leaders, officers and Board of Directors, the organization promotes events and activities that facilitate the interaction of various ethnicities so as to foster understanding and camaraderie, and has served as an invaluable resource upon which the island's future is sure to build upon; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the period in both Vietnam and American histories when the island and people of Guam opened new doors and new opportunities to those who sought refuge from the ravages of war and the tyranny of a despotic regime; members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognize the very important and unbreakable relationship that has developed throughout the years between Vietnamese Americans and the people of Guam, a relationship that has fostered understanding and appreciation of different cultures that share common goals in social, political, and economic development and growth; and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Bente Ocho' na Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognize and honor the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation on

their visit to the island of Guam in memory of *Operation New Life* and further extend a sincere *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'ase* to the Vietnamese American Community of Guam for the contributions they have made for the betterment of our island community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation; to the Vietnamese American Community of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker

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