I MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the International Women's Group Organization on its celebration of the "International Women's Day" on March 8, 2005, and extend a heartfelt *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* for their contributions to our society and their international recognition thus giving the women of our community the recognition, respect, admiration and equality they so justly deserve.

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

WHEREAS, the International Women's day is an occasion marked by women's group around the world. It is a day also commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday. When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development ; and

10 WHEREAS, International Women's day is the story of ordinary women 11 as makers of history; it is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to 12 participate in society on an equal footing with men. This idea of International 13 Women's day arose at the turn of the century, which in the industrialized world was a period of expansion and turbulence, booming population growth
 and radical ideologies; and

3 WHEREAS, in accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of 4 America, the first National Women's Day was observed across the United 5 States on February 28, 1009. Women continued to celebrate it on the last 6 Sunday of that month through 1913; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1910 the Socialist International meeting in Copenhagen, 8 established a Women's Day, international in character, to honor the 9 movement for women's rights and to assist in achieving universal suffrage for 10 women. The proposal was greeted with unanimous approval by the 11 conference of over 100 women from 17 countries, which included the first 12 three women elected to the Finnish parliament; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the decision taken at Copenhagen the previous year, International Women's day was marked for the first time on March 19, 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, where more than one million women and men attended rallies. In addition to the right to vote and to hold public office, they demanded the right to work, to vocational training and to an end to discrimination on the job; and

WHEREAS, since those early years. International Women's Day has assume a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point for coordinated efforts to demand women's rights and participation in the political and economic process. International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to
 call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary
 women who have played and extraordinary role in the history of women's
 right; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente O'cho Na 5 Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 6 people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the International 7 8 Women's group on its celebration of "International Women's Day" on March 9 8, 2005, and extend a Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase for their contributions to our 10 society and their international recognition; thus giving the women in our 11 community the recognition, respect, admiration and equality they so justly 12 deserve; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
Committee certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof
and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to______;
to the Honorable Phillip F. Carbullido, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S.
House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE O'CHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005.

MARK FORBES Speaker Chairman of the Executive Committee EDDIE CALVO Legislative Secretary