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

Executive Committee Res. No. 19^{2}

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT AUTHORITY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR THIRTY-FIRST (31TH) ANNIVERSAY AND OBSERVE OCTOBER 23, 2006 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2006 AS NATIONAL PORT WEEK.

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

WHEREAS, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority was established as a public corporation and autonomous government agency on October 1975; and

WHEREAS, over the last three decades, our Port has provided full services to ocean passenger, cargo and fishing vessels who have called upon our seaport and has developed into a major transshipment center for the Western Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Port is the lifeline to our island and critical to our country's national security. It is essential for the continued development of our economy and the survival of the people of Guam due to our dependence on imported goods including food, fuel, medical supplies, equipment and raw materials;

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Port moved about two million (2,000,000) revenue tons of cargo and about eighty four thousand three hundred twenty one (84,321) containers; and



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WHEREAS, the three hundred fourteen (314) dedicated and hardworking employees handle port operations as stevedores, cargo checkers, equipment operators, accountants, tariff specialists and managers for the five (5) cargo handling piers, a container yard, two (2) fuel piers, three (3) marinas and a harbor of refuge; and

WHEREAS, our Port services ships from around the world, over five hundred (500) cargo vessels and more than one thousand (1,000) foreign-flagged fishing vessels annually; and

WHEREAS, despite the age of its equipment, the Port has successfully completed the quadrennial Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspection of all of its cargo handling equipment; and

WHEREAS, over the past Fiscal Year, the Port has made significant progress in replacing its aging equipment with the purchase of eight new yard tractors, the expected purchase of a used mobile harbor crane, the issuance of an invitation to bid for new forklift trucks and the invitation to bid on at least one new gantry crane; and

WHEREAS, the Port stands ready to face the challenges ahead, including the upcoming military build up for the relocation of 8,000 marines, their families and support services; and

WHEREAS, during "National Port Week", from October 23, 2005 through October 27, 2005, our port will conduct a public awareness campaign which highlights the economic benefits gained from the port's operations and their outstanding contributions towards the development of our island; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Na* Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate

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and commend the dedicated employees, management and the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority on their thirty-first (31st) anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the importance of "National Port Week" and encourage the people of our island to actively participate in the many activities relating to the thirty-first celebration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to, 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 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Joseph Duenas, General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority; to Mr. Monte Mesa, Chairman of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

MARK FORBES Speaker EDWARD J.B. CALVO Senator and Secretary of the Legislature