

**I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 11**

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Relative to commending and congratulating the members of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) around the world on their tireless efforts and dedication to promoting world peace and to congratulating SGI-USA, Guam, on the Thirty-second (32nd) Anniversary of its founding, and the grand opening of SGI-USA, Guam Activity Center.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, thirty two (32) years ago, on January 26, 1975, one hundred
4 fifty-eight (158) delegates from fifty-one (51) countries met in *Islan Guåhan* for
5 the first World Peace Conference; and

6 **WHEREAS**, *Islan Guåhan* was selected as the venue to conduct the first
7 World Peace Conference because the Chamorro people suffered so terribly
8 from the ravages of war; and

9 **WHEREAS**, from this auspicious occasion, the delegates founded Soka
10 Gakkai International (SGI), thus beginning a worldwide grassroots movement
11 of peace, education and culture, based on the humanistic outlook of Nichiren
12 Buddhism; and

13 **WHEREAS**, today SGI is a worldwide network with eighty-two (82)
14 constituent organizations and more than one million two hundred thousand
15 (1,200,000) members in one hundred ninety (190) countries and territories who
16 share a common vision of global peace and prosperity; and

17 **WHEREAS**, for twenty-six (26) years, SGI has been accredited as a Non-
18 governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations (UN); and

19 **WHEREAS**, as an NGO of the UN, SGI has worked tirelessly with other
20 UN entities in promoting harmony and coexistence between nations,
21 disarmament, human rights and humanitarian relief; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Daisaku Ikeda, a recipient of the UN Peace Award and
23 over two hundred (200) honorary doctorates from universities around the
24 world, has been the president of SGI since 1975; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ikeda has encouraged the members of SGI to devote
2 their lives to planting seeds of peace throughout the world, rather than
3 seeking to bring the flowers of their own lives to bloom; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI resolve to contribute to the prosperity
5 of their respective societies and countries, while respecting individual
6 cultures, customs and laws; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI-USA, Guam, have pursued activities to
8 advance the cause of peace; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in January 2000, SGI-USA, Guam, commemorated the
10 Twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary of the founding of SGI by co-sponsoring with
11 the University of Guam, Soka University of America and SGI-USA, the first
12 Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the conference brought together executive government
14 leaders and high chiefs from many of the Pacific Islands to share their
15 memories of the Pacific War and to resolve to never again allow such violence;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, in January 2005, SGI-USA, Guam, commemorated the
18 Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of the founding of SGI, by hosting numerous
19 commemorative events in the name of peace; and

20 **WHEREAS**, these commemorative events included the opening of two
21 (2) traveling exhibitions, "Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the
22 World" and Morehouse College's "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building
23 Peace," which were displayed at the office of the Governor of Guam, the
24 University of Guam, the Guam Community College, FBLG Middle School,

1 Upi Elementary School, Simon Sanchez High School and Anderson
2 Elementary School; and

3 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, hosted the Second Pacific Islands New
4 Millennium Peace Conference for educators focusing on “Humanistic
5 Education: Fostering a Culture of Peace” and sponsored a cultural festival
6 celebrating the diverse culture of mankind; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2007, SGI-USA, Guam, will observe the
8 Thirty-second (32nd) Anniversary of the founding of SGI, with the grand
9 opening of its new Activity Center; and

10 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA Guam will be exhibiting at the Activity Center,
11 the Morehouse College's “Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace”
12 exhibit; and


13 **WHEREAS**, the youth members of SGI-USA, Guam, will showcase the
14 “Victory over Violence” exhibit to help young people identify and counter the
15 root causes of violence in their lives; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na*
17 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, recognize and commend the world-wide members of SGI on
19 its tireless efforts and dedication to promoting world peace, and congratulates
20 SGI-USA, Guam on the Thirty-second (32nd) Anniversary of the founding of
21 SGI, and the grand opening of SGI-USA, Guam, Activity Center; and be it
22 further


23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
24 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

1 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Daisaku
2 Ikeda, President of Soka Gakkai International; to General Director, SGI-USA;
3 to SGI-USA, *Guåhan* Area; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
4 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH
DAY OF JANUARY 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature