

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 115

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the leadership, dedication and service of Mr. Manuel "Manny" Duenas as President of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association and Council Member of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel "Manny" Duenas has served as a board**
4 **member and President of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association**
5 **("Co-Op") since 1996, providing much needed leadership for this thirty (30)**
6 **year old community-owned organization; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, through the leadership of Mr. Manual Duenas and the Co-
2 Op Board, the Co-Op has enjoyed more than a decade of financial success,
3 and has become a model for cooperatives throughout the Pacific; and

4 **WHEREAS**, due to the leadership of Mr. Duenas and the Board, the Co-
5 Op provides numerous community benefits at no cost, including purchasing
6 from local businesses whenever possible, fish donations to charities and
7 village fiestas, provision of fuel and ice after major typhoons, equipment
8 donation to government agencies and assistance in vessel search and rescue;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas and the Board have established Co-Op
11 procedures and incentives to ensure safe, wholesome and high quality fish
12 products, and to encourage responsible fishing; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas, the Board and Co-Op Members revived the
14 Annual Guam Marianas International Fishing Derby in 1996 and established
15 the Annual "*Gupot Y Peskadot*" or Fishermen's Festival in 1999 to promote
16 family involvement and community awareness of local fisheries; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas and his fellow Board Members formed a
18 partnership with the United States Coast Guard, District 14, Sector Guam, to
19 promote boating safety amongst Guam's fishermen, particularly through the
20 annual of Safe Boating Week; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas and the Board obtained federal funds to
22 acquire and rebuild the sixty (60) foot *Galaide* for access to offshore fish
23 resources and training and to perform architectural and engineering design
24 for a new and expanded Co-Op building; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas and the Board provide Co-Op resources to
2 assist in marine education for youth, including the annual 4-H and University
3 of Guam summer fisheries camp; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas demonstrates his commitment to the
5 promotion of Guam fisheries by serving on the Western Pacific Fishery
6 Management Council and in other organizations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas has motivated indigenous fishermen in
8 Hawaii, Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as in Guam, to
9 perpetuate their traditional fishing cultures, practices and protein sources;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Duenas firmly believes that government and fishermen
12 need not be divided by an attitude of “them versus us,” if fishermen and their
13 knowledge are properly considered when regulations are made; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Manuel Duenas’s leadership and dedication was
15 recognized upon his appointment to the Western Pacific Fishery Management
16 Council by the U. S. Secretary of Commerce; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as a Council Member, Mr. Duenas has ensured that Guam
18 fisheries’ needs and interests are considered at the local, regional, national and
19 international levels of fisheries management; and

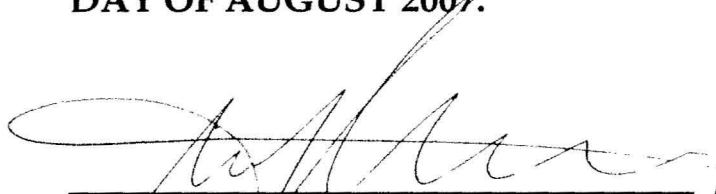
20 **WHEREAS**, as a Council Member, Mr. Duenas worked with other
21 Council Members to include recognition of indigenous Pacific Islanders
22 fishery rights and heritage in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation
23 and Management Act; now, therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the


1 people of Guam, commend and congratulate Mr. Manual "Manny" Duenas
2 for his leadership, and diligence efforts in the management of fisheries within
3 Guam's local waters and in the exclusive economic zone surrounding
4 American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern
5 Mariana Islands and U.S. Pacific island possessions, as the President of the
6 Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association and Council Member of the
7 Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council and overall good
8 citizen; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
10 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
11 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Manuel
12 "Manny" Duenas; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate
13 to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
14 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 14TH
DAY OF AUGUST 2007.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature