

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 123

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Relative to congratulating the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of the National Celebration of its One Hundred Twenty-Fifth (125th) Anniversary; and recognizing the formation of the local Guam Councils of the Knights of Columbus over forty-two (42) years ago; and further extending a *un dāngkolo' na si Yu'os ma'ase'* for its numerous contributions and support to the island community in its unwavering love and commitment for Guam and her people.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in October 1881, a dream was conceived by Rev. Father
4 Michael J. McGivney, the curate at St. Mary Church in New Haven,
5 Connecticut, for the creation of an organization with the purpose of remaining
6 steadfast in their Catholic religious faith through mutual encouragement, and
7 to further establish an insurance system that would provide necessary
8 support and financial assistance to immediate family members upon the death
9 of their loved ones in the organization; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 1882, the dream of Fr. McGivney took root
11 and developed into an organization which was granted its charter by the State
12 of Connecticut, and the name of "Knights of Columbus" was chosen by its
13 original deep-rooted Catholic founders as a special tribute to Christopher
14 Columbus, who was a devout Catholic and the discoverer of America. As the
15 Knights of Columbus, its members embodied the ideals of spirituality and
16 service to the Catholic church, country, fellow men, and their families; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus organization is composed of the
18 Supreme Council, State Councils and Local Councils, that promote and
19 advocate the tremendous importance of spiritual faith in God through
20 Catholicism, and sharing one's personal and professional talents and skills
21 with one's families and the people in their communities; and

22 **WHEREAS**, today, the Knights of Columbus through the embodiment
23 of its foremost Catholic ideologies boasts a vibrant, active membership of
24 more than 1.7 million members and their families throughout the United

1 States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Caribbean,
2 Poland, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Saipan, Virgin Islands,
3 and Cuba; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus, over its many years of existence,
5 has maintained its unique strength and stability which have been based on the
6 four (4) binding principles of **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY** and
7 **PATRIOTISM**. This pillar of strength and stability is further reinforced by
8 the tremendous successes of the Order's assets and insurance program; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus' organizational tenets include the
10 following objectives: (1) to support the Catholic Church; (2) to build fraternal
11 bonds through social, religious, educational and athletic activities; (3) to
12 provide comfort and assistance to the sick, disabled and needy members and
13 their families; (4) to reach out to meet community needs and services; and (5)
14 to provide financial security to its members and their families; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus organization is a Catholic family
16 fraternal service organization, with its members sharing their time and talents
17 in a vigorous program of services and in which its members originate from all
18 walks of life, i.e., doctors, lawyers, bricklayers, priests, teachers, farmers,
19 clerks, policemen, firefighters, and many others; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in an effort to promote similar ideologies of Catholicism,
21 family, and community support, the Guam Knights of Columbus
22 organizational affiliate was established in 1965 as a Territorial Council with
23 the first, official council on Guam as the San Vitores Council. Over the past
24 forty-two (42) years, Guam's membership councils expanded to its present
25 day total number of eighteen (18) Local Councils. Due to this tremendous

1 growth in local membership, to include the total number of Councils and the
2 Saipan Councils, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus extended
3 further recognition to Guam and granted full status as a State, which officially
4 became Guam State Council No. 99092; and

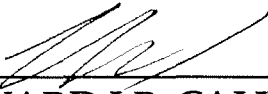
5 **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus' organizational objectives are
6 collectively programmed into various facets of a member's life to include:
7 church, community, council, family, and youth activities. Aside from the
8 Color Corps of the Fourth Degree Knights, the Knights continue to be in close
9 harmony with priests, provide services and maintenance on church buildings
10 and grounds, and support numerous civic and community activities and
11 organizations, i.e., Special Olympic games, the Alee Shelter for battered
12 women and children, Pro-Life Organizational activities, burial of unborn
13 fetuses at Guam Memorial Hospital, Catholic schools, Catholic Social Services,
14 constructing memorials and monuments for unborn children, and numerous
15 other community service activities; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
18 people of Guam, extend its congratulations to the Knights of Columbus on the
19 occasion of the celebration of its National Charter's, One Hundred Twenty-
20 Fifth (125th) Anniversary; and further recognizes the Guam Knights of
21 Columbus organization for over forty-two (42) years of existence since its
22 formation, being eventually upgraded and given formal State recognition,
23 known today as the Guam State Council No. 99092, extend a "*Un Dångkolo' Na*
24 *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'*" (Thank You Very Much) to the local, national, and
25 international members of the Knights of Columbus for their outstanding

1 service and contribution to the community of Guam and worldwide
2 communities in support of the advocacy of the Catholic religious faith, family,
3 and numerous community activities; and extends its best wishes for
4 continuous success in its endeavors on the growth in the *Knights of Columbus*
5 membership, and in the preservation of its fundamental principles of
6 **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY** and **PATRIOTISM**; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
8 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
9 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sir Knight
10 Joseph J. A. Yatar, the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, Guam State
11 Council No. 99092; to Sir Knight Raymond Arroyo, District Master of the
12 Fourth Degree, Guam State Council No. 99092; to Sir Knight Frank Florig,
13 Immediate Past State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, Guam State
14 Council No. 99092; to Most Reverend, His Excellency Anthony S. Apuron,
15 Archbishop of the Archdiocese of *Hagåtña*, Guam; to Reverend Father Joseph
16 M. English, State Chaplain, Knights of Columbus, Guam State Council No.
17 99092; to Grand Knights of the Local Councils, Knights of Columbus, Guam;
18 to Sir Knight Carl A. Andersen, Worthy Supreme Knight of the Supreme
19 Council, Knights of Columbus; to Sir Knight Robert J. Lane, Supreme
20 Secretary of the Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus; to Guam State
21 Council No. 99092; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate
22 to the U. S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho,
23 *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan..*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature