

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 126

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Relative to congratulating “Soroptimist International of the Marianas” for hosting and “Soroptimist International of Guam” for assisting in hosting the Soroptimist International of the Americas Founder Region District VI Annual Meeting on Guam, welcoming the Founder Region and District VI Officers and Members from California and Hawaii, and thanking the Soroptimists for their contributions toward improving the lives of women and children.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I***
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Soroptimist International is the world's largest classified
4 volunteer service organization for women in business, management, and professions
5 with over three thousand (3,000) clubs having approximately one hundred thousand

1 (100,000) members in one hundred twenty-five (125) countries and Soroptimist
2 International is organized into four (4) worldwide Federations: Americas (SIA),
3 Europe, Great Britain and Ireland and South West Pacific; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Soroptimist International of the Americas Clubs are located
5 throughout these nineteen (19) countries and territories: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil,
6 Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guam, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay,
7 Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, United States and Venezuela and SIA is
8 organized into twenty-nine (29) regions; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the SIA Founder Region's Territory encompasses ten (10) North
10 Coast Counties in California, the State of Hawaii, and Guam, and this region is
11 composed of six (6) districts with a total of sixty-seven (67) clubs and the Founder
12 Region is so called because the first Soroptimist Club met in Oakland, California in
13 1921 when the Alameda County Soroptimist Club was formed; and

14 **WHEREAS**, SIA Founder Region District VI, is made up of Soroptimist
15 International of Central O'ahu, Soroptimist International of Guam, Soroptimist
16 International of Honolulu, Soroptimist International of Kona, Soroptimist
17 International of Maui, Soroptimist International of the Marianas, Soroptimist
18 International of Waikiki, Soroptimist International of West Maui, and Soroptimist
19 International of Windward O'ahu; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Soroptimist International of Guam was chartered on March 8,
21 1978 and among its successful projects are health fairs, the Silent Witness Program
22 that focuses on domestic violence, a weekly one hour Women Making a Difference
23 show on public radio that addresses issues of importance to women, and sponsorship
24 of an annual women's art show, "A Mosaic of Culture", Uniting Women and Girls
25 Through Art, Friendship and Service; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Soroptimist International of the Marianas received its charter on
2 February 9, 1986 and among its projects are scholarships for University of Guam and
3 Guam Community College students, Grandparent’s Day at St. Dominics, Mother’s
4 Day with Alee Shelter, Women in Business Conference, the University of Guam
5 Sigma Club, and the John F. Kennedy High School Club; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Soroptimist International of the Marianas and
7 Soroptimist International of Guam co-founded and adopted as their long term
8 identifying project, "Erica's House - A Family Visitation Center", as a support service
9 for parents and children in need of visitation and exchange services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, each year Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist
11 International of the Marianas jointly participate in Soroptimist identifying projects that
12 aim to better the lives of women and children, namely, the Women's Opportunity
13 Awards, the Violet Richardson Awards, and Women of Distinction, and participate in
14 the Guam Council of Women’s Clubs’ activities including “Women United Against
15 Cancer” and the “American Cancer Society Relay for Life”; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist
17 International of the Marianas are members of the Federation of Asian-Pacific
18 Women’s Association and participated in the 2006 Soroptimist Conference , "The Role
19 of Women in Achieving a Sustainable Society"; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Soroptimist International of the Marianas, with the help of
21 Soroptimist International of Guam, will host the Soroptimist International of the
22 Americas Founder Region District VI Annual Meeting scheduled for October 27 and
23 28, 2007 at the Guam Outrigger Hotel with the theme, “Share the Passion, Share the
24 Magic”; now, therefore, be it

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

1 of Guam, congratulate the Soroptimist International of the Marianas for hosting and
2 Soroptimist International of Guam for assisting in hosting the Soroptimist
3 International of the Americas Founder Region District VI Annual Meeting on Guam
4 and welcomes the Founder Region and District VI officers and members from
5 California and Hawaii; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
7 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
8 of Guam, recognize and express their sincere thanks to the Soroptimist clubs for their
9 contributions towards the betterment of the lives of women and children in Guam, the
10 region, and the world; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee
12 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that
13 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Soroptimist International of the
14 Americas Founder Region, Governor Sue Finch and her Board; to Soroptimist
15 International of the Americas Founder Region District VI Director Judy Lee; to
16 Soroptimist International of the Marianas President, Denise Mendiola; to Soroptimist
17 International of Guam President, Chet Neri; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
18 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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



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



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature