

*I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
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**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 150**

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**Relative to congratulating the Guam National Guard on the celebration of the National Guard's 371<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, and to thanking its members for their many contributions to our island and our nation over the years.**

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

3        **WHEREAS,** the National Guard of the United States is the oldest  
4 component of the U.S. Armed Forces and one of the nation's longest-enduring  
5 institutions; and

6        **WHEREAS,** the National Guard traces its roots back to October 7, 1636  
7 during the formation of the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony;

1 Responsible for their own defense, the colonists drew on English military  
2 tradition and organized their able-bodied male citizens into militias; and

3       **WHEREAS**, in the last three hundred seventy-one (371) years, the  
4 National Guard has contributed to our National Security, to the protection of  
5 our citizens at home and abroad, to the peace and welfare of every American,  
6 young and old; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the members of the National Guard have displayed some  
8 of the most indisputable courage, sacrifices beyond the call of duty, and a  
9 willingness to put themselves in harm's way in the name of freedom and for  
10 the lives of all American citizens; and

11       **WHEREAS**, more than four hundred fifty eight thousand (458,000)  
12 soldiers airmen and women of the Guard serve worldwide; from Central  
13 America to the Middle East to the Far East, providing extraordinary service to  
14 the nation; and

15       **WHEREAS**, on December 24, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed  
16 Public Law 96-600 introduced by the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, officially authorizing the  
17 establishment of the Guam National Guard. Senator Eddie Duenas authored  
18 the local law to create the Guam National Guard Governor Paul M. Calvo  
19 served as the first Commander-In-Chief and General Robert H. Neitz was  
20 appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

21       **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's Command  
22 headquarters was officially established with thirty two (32) charter members;  
23 and

1           **WHEREAS**, over the years, the Guam National Guard has grown from  
2 its original thirty two (32) charter members to nearly one thousand two  
3 hundred (1,200) members between its Army and Air Force Commands; and

4           **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to support  
5 national security objectives, and to this end it has performed admirably over  
6 the years, providing valuable national security functions in this part of the  
7 world and globally whenever and wherever needed; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Guard members have served bravely  
9 and valiantly in missions and deployments around the world, including  
10 recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, and Korea, in which  
11 our Guardsmen and women have repeatedly distinguished themselves as  
12 outstanding members of our Armed Forces; and

13           **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to protect life  
14 and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members  
15 have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting our citizens on Guam  
16 during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives and  
17 providing order when chaos threatens to rule; and

18           **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard’s mission is to participate  
19 in local, state and national programs that add value to America, and while the  
20 activities that its members have participated that accomplish this mission are  
21 too numerous to name, among the most valuable have been those efforts that  
22 have helped Guam recover after typhoons, earthquakes and other natural  
23 disasters; and

24           **WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Guam National Guard have  
25 touched so many lives, and helped so many families on Guam, and protected

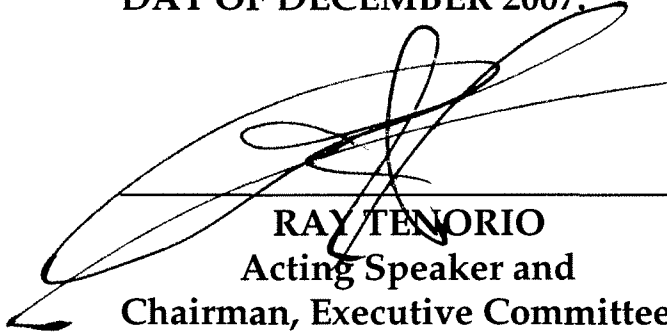
1 us through the toughest of times, and for this, they must be honored and  
2 appreciated; now, therefore, be it

3         **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
4 *Lihsaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihsaturan Guåhan* and the  
5 people of Guam, congratulate the National Guard on three hundred seventy-  
6 one (371) years of outstanding and exceptional service; and be it further

7         **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Lihsaturan Guåhan* does  
8 hereby express its appreciation for the numerous contributions the members  
9 of the Guam National Guard have made to our people, our island and our  
10 nation over the years, and for the devoted service and courageous protection  
11 our Guardsmen and women have provided to our people in the past twenty-  
12 six (26) years; and be it further

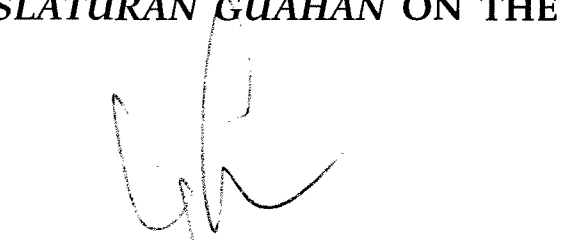
13         **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
14 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
15 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lt. General H  
16 Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; to Major General Donald J.  
17 Goldhorn, Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard; and to the  
18 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.



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**RAY TENORIO**  
Acting Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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**JESSE A. LUJAN**  
Senator and Acting  
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