

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

**Executive Committee
Resolution No. 16**

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Board of Directors, staff and community partners of the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, on the Airport Authority's Thirty-first (31st) Anniversary as an autonomous government of Guam agency.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA) was
4 created by the enactment of Public Law 13-57 on January 20, 1976; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the purpose of the newly-created agency was to acquire,
6 construct, reconstruct, purchase, extend, improve, operate and maintain
7 airports and related facilities for civil aviation purposes on Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS,** the GIAA was also empowered to acquire and develop real
9 property for airport facilities, and to administer airport facilities on federal
10 lands pursuant to the Joint Use Agreement with the United States; and

11 **WHEREAS,** the GIAA was allowed to avail itself of the professional
12 services of qualified consultants, specialists and experts; and

13 **WHEREAS,** adequate funding for airport operations and capital
14 projects was provided through legal authority to set and collect fees, rates,
15 rentals, landing fees and charges, and to issue revenue bonds; and

16 **WHEREAS,** the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,
17 Guam, was established with these powers and the confidence of this
18 community it needed to be self-sustaining; and

19 **WHEREAS,** Guam's Airport Authority is generally regarded as the
20 premier government of Guam agency, delivering world-class service to
21 residents, visitors and others alike without financial reliance on local
22 taxpayers; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the governing Board, management and staff of the Antonio
2 B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, are comprised almost
3 entirely of talent drawn from the local community; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the men and women who guide, manage and operate our
5 island's only civilian air travel and cargo port have overcome the challenges
6 of adversity and natural calamity; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,
8 Guam, has embarked on an ambitious One Hundred Two Million Dollar
9 (\$102,000,000) capital enhancement program, transforming the 1950's style
10 naval air base facilities and surrounding neighborhoods into a competitive
11 twenty-first (21st) century portal for Trans-Pacific air traffic; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,
13 Guam, is committed to serving a demand-driven regional market for airport
14 services, created by the dynamics of new generation carriers and
15 globalization, with its endorsement of "Open Skies" lifting of federal
16 restrictions on competition for regional and domestic cargo and passengers;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS**, a Petition for Expanded Air Services at the Antonio B. Won
19 Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, was filed with the U.S.
20 Department of Transportation on February 9, 2006, resulting in the grant to
21 foreign air carriers of an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 so they can engage
22 in cargo transfer activities at Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport
23 pursuant to a Final Order issued December 22, 2006; and

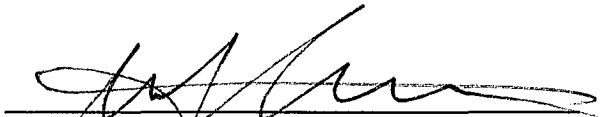
1 **WHEREAS**, in January 2007, the people of Guam celebrate the Thirty-
2 first (31st) Anniversary of the establishment of the Antonio B. Won Pat
3 International Airport Authority, Guam, (“Authority”) as a public corporation
4 and autonomous instrumentality of the government of Guam; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 **RESOLVED** that *I Mina’Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
7 on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend the
8 Board of Directors, management, staff and community partners of the
9 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, for their
10 exemplary dedication to causing the public purposes of the Authority’s
11 mandate to be fulfilled in 2006; and be it further

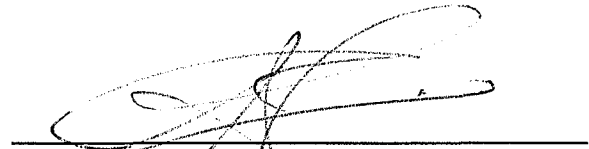
12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Ñuebi Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, congratulate the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport
15 Authority, Guam, Board of Directors, management, staff and community
16 partners on the occasion of the Authority’s Thirty-first (31st) Anniversary of its
17 founding as an autonomous instrumentality of the people of Guam; and be it
18 further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
20 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
21 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
22 Frank F. Blas, Chairman, Board of Directors; and to the Honorable Felix P.
23 Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 17TH
DAY OF JANUARY 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature