

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to congratulating and commending Colonel Russell N. Cutting, Deputy Commander, Department of the Air Force 36th Mission Support Group, on his new assignment to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and expressing *un dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for his leadership, accomplishments, and service to the 36th Mission Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base Guam and to our island community, 20 June 2006 to 9 June 2008.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting arrived on Guam on 20 June
4 2006 to assume his duties as the Deputy Commander of the Department of the
5 Air Force, 36th Mission Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base; and

6 **WHEREAS,** the 36th Mission Support Group provides day-to-day
7 mission support to more than nine thousand (9,000) military, civilian,
8 dependent and retired personnel and twelve (12) associate units. The unit
9 maintains expeditionary capability for Air Force missions deploying to,
10 originating from, and transiting through Andersen Air Force Base. The
11 Mission Support Group's span of control includes civil engineering, security
12 forces, services, communications and information, contracting, logistics
13 readiness, and mission support (personnel) squadrons; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Colonel Russell N. Cutting's key duties, tasks, and
15 responsibilities as Deputy Commander was to eight hundred eleven (811)
16 military and five hundred ninety-eight (598) civilians in seven (7) squadrons
17 and one (1) Geographical Separated Unit (GSU). Colonel Cutting's unit
18 provides acquisition, contracting, communications, design, construction, fire
19 protection, and maintenance on all Air Force facilities/utilities on Guam. The
20 unit also provides security, services, logistics, personnel, and law enforcement
21 for base of nineteen thousand (19,000) acres and Six Billion Four Million
22 Dollars (\$6.4B) in real property. Colonel Cutting also oversees the largest fuel
23 storage in the United States Air Force and Pacific Air Forces, to include
24 activities of a geographical separate unit in Canberra, Australia; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting earned his Bachelor of Arts
2 degree in Psychology, *Cum Laude*, at Plymouth State University, Plymouth,
3 New Hampshire in 1980. He completed Officer Training School as a
4 Distinguished Graduate in 1986 from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and
5 attended Squadron Officer School in 1991 at Maxwell Air Force Base,
6 Alabama, again recognized as a 'Distinguished Graduate'. Colonel Cutting
7 was bestowed a Master's degree in Military Operational Arts and Science at
8 the Air Command and Staff College in Maxwell, Alabama, in 2000. He
9 participated, by seminar, in the Air War College-Nonresident Studies
10 Program in 2003; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting's leadership aptitude,
12 professionalism and integrity validates the major awards and decorations
13 bestowed upon him which includes, the Meritorious Service Medal with four
14 (4) Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air
15 Force Commendation Medal with one (1) Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army
16 Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal with three (3)
17 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting has served our nation in the
19 United States Air Force since 1983, whose tour of duty throughout his career
20 encompassed an assignment as Morale, Welfare, Recreation (MWR)
21 Operations Officer with the 436th Services Squadron, Dover Air Force Base,
22 Delaware, from February 1986 to January 1989. His next tour of duty saw
23 Colonel Cutting as the MWR Operations Officer in Yokota Air Base, Japan,
24 from January 1989 to March 1991, with the 475th Services Squadron. Colonel

1 Cutting was then assigned, from March 1991 to January 1994, as Commander,
2 Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting received orders to serve as
4 Commander, Plans and Forces Management Flight, 30th Services Squadron
5 from January 1994 to December 1996, at Vandenberg Air Force Base,
6 California. From December 1996 to March 1998, Colonel Cutting was Flight
7 Commander, Squadron Officer School, 31st Student Squadron at Maxwell Air
8 Force Base, Alabama. He then was assigned as Operations Officer, from
9 March 1998 to August 1999, Squadron Officer School, 34th Student Squadron,
10 Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. From August 1999 to June 2000, Colonel
11 Cutting attended Alabama's Maxwell Air Force Base Air Command and Staff
12 College; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Cutting was assigned as Commander, 436th
14 Services Squadron at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, from June 2000 to
15 August 2002, due to his assignment as Chief, Plans and Force Management
16 Division, HQ AETC at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, from August 2002 to
17 June 2004. Colonel Cutting then was assigned as Commander for the 99th
18 Services Squadron, from 2004 to June 2006, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.
19 Following that assignment, Colonel Cutting's tour of duty brought him to our
20 island on 20 June 2006 as the Deputy Commander, 36th Mission Support
21 Group at Andersen Air Force Base; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting continues to demonstrate
23 exemplary conduct, academic excellence, unit service, spirit of volunteerism
24 and community service. Colonel Cutting's tour of duty, 20 June 2006 to 9 June

1 2008, marks his leadership of the United States Air Force 36th Mission
2 Support Group, which brought to Andersen Air Force Base the ground-
3 breaking of a new Base Exchange, the opening of a new Shoppette, the
4 creation of "Hot Spot", the relocation of the Golf Course Clubhouse, and B-2
5 Recovery Operations; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Cutting, along with his support group unit
7 provided "Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief" for the Philippines
8 in 2006 and 2007, and Bangladesh in 2007. Colonel Cutting coordinated and
9 commanded "VALIANT SHIELD EXERCISE", the largest joint exercise since
10 World War II, comprised of one hundred seven (107) aircraft, nineteen (19)
11 airframes, and eight hundred (800) personnel; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 2007, Colonel Cutting spearheaded the Seven Million
13 Dollars (\$7,000,000) encrypted Land Mobile Radio (LMR) upgrade, increasing
14 island coverage from seventy-five percent (75%) to ninety-five percent (95%)
15 one (1) year ahead of the designated mandate. Guam's Northwest Field
16 Buildup was realized under the command of Colonel Cutting – Eleven Million
17 Dollars (\$11,000,000) in troop labor, One Hundred Sixty Million Dollars
18 (\$160,000,000) in on-going active construction, a Fifty-two Million Eight
19 Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$52,800,000) breaking ground for a Global Hawk
20 maximum operations facility, conducted demonstration flights, a new
21 paintball facility, One Hundred Three Thousand Dollars (\$103,000) in Air
22 Force aid and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in tuition; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Cutting was charged with assisting Guam's
24 military future, placing Andersen Air Force Base on a trajectory for success

1 and fostering Navy relationships. He was the Air Force lead for Joint Basing,
2 completed two (2) tabletop exercises, drafted a Memorandum of Agreement
3 for forty plus (40+) base functions and assured joint partnerships with the
4 United States Navy; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting was recognized by the former
6 36th Mission Support Group Commander for a Department of Defense joint
7 region military bed down and laid the foundation for the United States
8 Marine Corps fifteen thousand (15,000) troop and family relocation in 2012.
9 Colonel Cutting was distinguished by the 36th Wing Commander for Joint
10 Basing efforts to immerse himself with the Navy leadership and to lead a
11 difficult Department of Defense transformation in 2009; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Colonel Russell N. Cutting's other civic activities include
13 the hosting of the "Fifty-fifth (55th) Annual Operation Christmas Drop" to the
14 Micronesian Islands in 2007 -- sixty-eight (68) islands, thirty-five thousand
15 (35,000) residents, thirty-seven and a half (37.5) pounds of goods delivered;
16 representing the 36th Wing Commander at the State Memorial Service for the
17 late Senator Herminia D. Dierking; volunteering numerous hours during the
18 "2006 - 2007 Iron Kids Triathlons", and during the "2006-2008 Guam
19 Marathon and X-Terra Triathlon". Most recently, Colonel Cutting provided
20 spirited opening remarks to the 2008 Guam Special Olympics athletes who
21 were ready to compete in the various sporting events; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in his personal and professional life, Colonel Russell N.
23 Cutting constantly stresses integrity and respect for others and serves as a

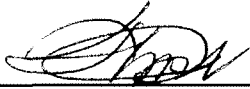
1 source of inspiration to his fellow officers, friends, and family to whom he has
2 always encouraged personal and professional growth; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, congratulate and commend Colonel Russell N. Cutting,
6 Deputy Commander, on his new assignment to Hickam Air Force Base,
7 Hawaii, and does express *un dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* for his leadership,
8 accomplishments, and service to the Department of the Air Force 36th Mission
9 Support Group at Andersen Air Force Base Guam and our island community,
10 20 June 2006 to 9 June 2008; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, most especially extend a sincere *un dångkolo na si Yu'os*
14 *ma'åse'* to Colonel Russell N. Cutting's wife, Shannon, for her support and
15 encouragement during Colonel Cutting's tour of duty at Andersen Air Force
16 Base, Guam; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
18 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
19 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Colonel
20 Russell N. Cutting, Deputy Commander, 36th Mission Support Group; to
21 Colonel Mark S. Talley, Commander, 36th Mission Support Group; to
22 Brigadier General Douglas H. Owens, Commander, 36th Wing; and to the
23 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature