

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 213

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Relative to recognizing the “110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines” and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the
4 Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth (12th) of June; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence
2 through the sacrifices of many Filipino Heroes such as, Dr. Jose Rizal, the
3 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote “*Noli Me Tangere*” (The Lost
4 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment, and whose execution by
5 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led
6 the Cry of *Balintawak*; General Emelio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle
7 of *Binakayan*; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the “Sublime Paralytic” and
8 the “Brain of the Revolution”; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas
10 such as, Melchora Aquino, known as “*Tandang Sora*”, who was exiled to the
11 Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28)
12 year old teacher who was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and
13 other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary
14 Forces; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on
16 June 12, 1898, when General Emelio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines’
17 Independence at his hometown of *Kawit, Cavite*, where thousands of people
18 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the
19 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National
20 Anthem was played in public for the first time, after which the “Act of the
21 Declaration of Independence” was solemnly read by its author, Ambrosio
22 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of
23 Independence; and

1 **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of
2 Municipal Presidents and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the
3 Philippines in *Malolos, Bulacan* on September 1898, as an expression of the
4 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam celebrates Philippine
6 Independence annually with various activities such as: the Wreath Laying at
7 the *Mabini* Shrine located in the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in
8 Asan that commemorates fifty-two (52) Filipino heroes, including Apolinario
9 Mabini, who were exiled to Guam; and the Filipino Community of Guam's
10 Philippine Independence Ball, an annual event that gathers many of Guam's
11 affluent to celebrate the numerous contributions that Filipinos have made to
12 the island; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
14 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
15 people of Guam, recognize the "110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
16 Independence of the Republic of the Philippines", and further congratulates
17 the Filipino Community of Guam on its festivities in observance thereof on
18 June 13, 2008 at this year's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton
19 Laguna Resort; and be it further

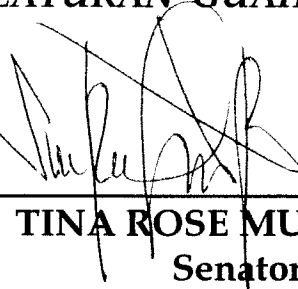
20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
21 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
22 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rene
23 Quintans, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani
24 Mercado, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; to the Honorable Gloria

- 1 Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 2 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 4TH
DAY OF JUNE 2008.**



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



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature