

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 250**

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**Relative to congratulating the Palauan Community and the Koror Club of Guam on the auspicious occasion of the Silver Anniversary of the establishment of the Koror State Constitution, Republic of Palau (Belau).**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the people of Palau, along with the people of Guam, have  
4 long shared an ancient history spanning more than four millennia, first  
5 greeted British traders and prominent visitors in the 18<sup>th</sup> century; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in 1783, the English Vessel Antelope, under the command  
7 of Captain Henry Wilson, was shipwrecked on a reef off of Palau's Ulong  
8 Island, one of the Rock Islands of Koror, and with the help of the Koror High  
9 Chief Ibedul, Captain Wilson and his crew were welcomed to stay and rebuild  
10 their ship, which took approximately three (3) months. Once repairs were  
11 completed, Chief Ibedul sent his son, Prince Lebuu, back with the sailors to be  
12 educated in England. Although Prince Lebuu died of smallpox shortly after  
13 arriving in London, his presence there touched many Britons and piqued their  
14 interest in Palau; and

15           **WHEREAS**, following this significant contact between Palauans and  
16 Westerners, more foreign explorers sailed through Palauan waters and the  
17 islands were open to further European contact; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Germany acquired the Palauan Islands at the beginning of  
19 the 20<sup>th</sup> century and handed them over to Japan. After the defeat of Japan in  
20 World War II with the costly and historic Battle of Peleliu, which took place  
21 from September 15 to November 25, 1944, and took the lives of more than two  
22 thousand (2,000) Americans and ten thousand (10,000) Japanese soldiers, the

1 United States gained control over what were then called the Marshall,  
2 Caroline and Mariana Islands. The islands became part of the United Nations'  
3 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, with Palau administered as one of the  
4 three (3) island groups' six (6) districts; and

5       **WHEREAS**, after three (3) decades as part of the UN Trust Territory of  
6 the Pacific under U.S. administration, this westernmost cluster of the Caroline  
7 Islands opted for independence in 1978, rather than join the Federated States  
8 of Micronesia; and

9       **WHEREAS**, on July 9, 1980, the Palau constitution was ratified, and its  
10 first constitutional elections were held and the Island nation became known as  
11 the Republic of Belau (Palau) in 1981; and

12       **WHEREAS**, on October 21, 1983, the Koror State Constitutional  
13 Government was established as one of the Republic's sixteen (16) Island  
14 States; and

15       **WHEREAS**, Koror or "Oreor", the largest city in Palau, is where seventy  
16 percent (70%) of the Republic's population lives and is the city that hosts most  
17 annual festivities and special events for the island nation, and was the site of  
18 the capital from independence in 1994 to 2006, when Melekeok became the  
19 new capital; and

20       **WHEREAS**, the State of Koror has three (3) bridges that connect Malakal  
21 Island, Ngerkebesang Island and Babeldaob, and remains Palau's economic  
22 hub and commercial center, and the country's main city that is the location of

1 most national government offices, the hospital, high schools, the college,  
2 churches, hotels, ports and various business establishments; and

3 **WHEREAS**, a vast array of Palauans who had lived in Koror brought  
4 their culture hard work and respect for family and traditions to Guam, their  
5 home away from home; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Palauan community will celebrate  
7 the 25<sup>th</sup> Koror State Constitution Day, a day that commemorates the  
8 establishment of their statehood, which was chartered on October 21, 1983;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, this occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Koror State  
11 Constitution provides a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate the  
12 rich culture of the Palauan community, who have enhanced our Island  
13 community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Koror Club are proud to be a strong  
15 supporter of the Palauan Community Association of Guam and the general  
16 island community by contributing to various educational, sports and  
17 community charities over the past several years; and


18 **WHEREAS**, the members of the Palauan community have continued to  
19 enrich our proud tradition of diversity and have endowed our island of Guam  
20 with their unique and collective strength; now, therefore, be it

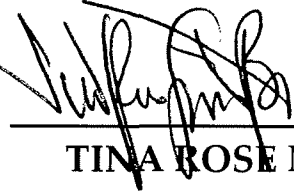
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, commend the Koror Club of Guam and the people of the  
2 Republic of Palau (Belau) on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Koror State Constitution  
3 Day celebrations, and does further extend a sincere *Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os*  
4 *Ma'ase* to all our fellow Palauans on Guam for the positive contributions that  
5 they have made for the betterment of our island community; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive  
7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
8 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter to the Honorable Tommy  
9 Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; to the Honorable  
10 Yoshitaka Adachi, Governor of Koror State; to the Honorable Jeff Kenty, Palau  
11 Consul General to Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam  
12 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
13 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF OCTOBER 2008.**

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

  
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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
**Senator and**  
**Secretary of the Legislature**