

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 267

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Relative to memorializing and acknowledging the accomplishments of former *Chamorro* music legend Frank “Bokonggo” Pangelinan on the occasion of his untimely passing, and offering condolences to his family.

- 1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 ***MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** Francisco Matagolai Pangelinan better known as
4 “Bokonggo” was born in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

1 on November 22, 1954, the son of the late Jose “Pingchang” Cruz, former
2 Mayor of Tinian and Eugenia Matagolai Pangelinan and was reared by Ficio
3 Pangelinan, was called to his eternal rest on December 4, 2008; and

4 **WHEREAS**, “Bokonggo” literally translated as a cave, a nickname
5 which Francisco Pangelinan was given by his fellow Boy Scouts to distinguish
6 which Frank Pangelinan was which; and

7 **WHEREAS**, today, the mere mention of “Bokonggo” describes a living
8 legend in *Chamorro* music; and

9 **WHEREAS**, “Bokonggo” developed a following over the years
10 performing on the local music circuit and in California, Washington and Las
11 Vegas; and

12 **WHEREAS**, his music captured the hearts of the young and the old
13 alike; and

14 **WHEREAS**, “Bokonggo” moved to Guam in 1981, to pursue his musical
15 career; and

16 **WHEREAS**, over thirty-five (35) albums later, Bokonggo has earned the
17 respect and admiration of his family, friends, peers and many fans in the
18 *Chamorro* music industry, with hits like *Nae Yu Neni (Triste Yu)* with Cindy
19 Manglona Svec, *Kasimento*, *Ai Nene*, *Bira Hao Magi*, *I Won’t Forget You*, and
20 *Katrina*, to name a few; and

21 **WHEREAS**, several of “Bokonggo’s” tunes have been recorded on the
22 first and second volumes of the *Chamorro* laser karaoke discs; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1991, Bokonggo opened his recording studio and since
2 then inspired, motivated, and produced many of the local artists such as: Jesse
3 Bais and Ruby Santos' mega hit "*Pugua*", Cindy Manglona Svec who sang
4 background vocals on "*Triste Yu*", Therese Pangelinan, Kacy De Leon
5 Guerrero, Remy and Joycelyn, and his three sons, Franklin, Lief, and
6 Zylzohni; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on Saturday, April 22, 1995, at 8:00pm at the Royal Taga
8 Beach House, Frank "Bokonggo" Pangelinan and his band Plus 3: Louie
9 Bombon (keyboards and background vocals), Andres "Bunny" Marchadesch
10 (drums), and Ambrosio "Chuckee" Orgino (bass guitar) made their musical
11 return to "Bokonggo's" homeland, Saipan, accompanied by his friends from
12 Guam: Jesse Bais (famous *Chamorro* recording artist and former vocalist for
13 The Kasuals), Ruby Santos (vocalist and guitar), Theodore Bais (bass guitar),
14 Mike Orland (drums), and Therese Pangelinan (a new recording artist
15 produced by "Bokonggo"); and

16 **WHEREAS**, celebrity masters of ceremony were radio personalities
17 Colonel Alex Sablan (reputable *Chamorro* recording artist) from Saipan and
18 Rick "The Big Baz" Baza from Guam, Promoter Lynn Tydingco, major
19 sponsor Norman Tenorio, and musical arranger Dante Trinidad coordinated
20 the all-star musical lineup; and

21 **WHEREAS**, "Bokonggo" also performed with Mike Rasmussen (bass
22 guitarist also member of DUB), J.T. Taisague (drums), J.R. Reyes (keyboard),

1 and most recently his youngest son Shiabe-Bok Pangelinan (keyboard); and

2 **WHEREAS**, due to his dedication to promoting the *Chamorro* music
3 industry, “Bokonggo” was bestowed with awards such as “Guam’s Favorite
4 Recording Artist Award”, “The *Gupot Chamorro Award*”, and a Resolution
5 from the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
6 in recognition of his accomplishments; and

7 **WHEREAS**, with the love and support of his friends and family
8 especially Patricia Daga Pangelinan, and children: Franklin, Lief, Sheika,
9 Zylzohni, Phayvian, and Shiabe-Bok, his musical legacy will greatly continue
10 to the preservation and promotion of our island culture, the Chamorro
11 Culture; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na*
13 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam, recognize the talent of Francisco Matagolai “Bokonggo”
15 Pangelinan and his contributions to Guam and the Marianas through his
16 music; and, be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby
18 extend its condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late
19 Francisco Matagolai “Bokonggo” Pangelinan on his untimely passing; and be
20 it further

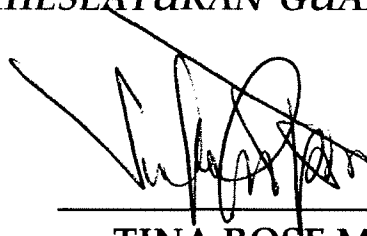
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Executive
22 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption

1 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to his children
2 Franklin, Lief, Sheika, Zylzohni, Phayvian, Shiabe-Bok and Lynn Tydingco;
3 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to Congress and to the
4 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 19TH
DAY OF DECEMBER 2008.**



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Speaker and
Chairperson, Executive Committee



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature