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

Executive Committee Resolution No. 48

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Relative to recognizing March 8, 2007 as "International Women's Day" and commending all the organizations under the Guam Council of Women's Clubs for their invaluable contributions to the women in our community and to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" has been observed since the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the newly industrialized world that saw a population boom and the rise of extreme ideologies; and WHEREAS, fifteen thousand (15,000) women marched through New
York City, demanding shorter hours, better pay, and voting rights in 1908, a
time when oppression and discrimination were spurring women to become
vocal and active in campaigning for change and equal footing with men in
society; and

6 WHEREAS, the first National Women's Day was observed in the United
7 States on February 28, 1908, in accordance with a declaration by the Socialist
8 Party of America; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1910, during an International Socialist meeting in 10 Copenhagen, the idea of an "International Women's Day" was proposed to 11 honor the women's rights movement and to assist in achieving universal 12 suffrage for women, and over one hundred (100) women from seventeen (17) 13 different countries unanimously agreed to the proposal; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the decision taken at Copenhagen, "International Women's Day" was marked for the first time on March 19, 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland where more than one million (1,000,000) people attended rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, hold public office and against discrimination on the job; and

WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" is recognized through groups such as the Guam Council of Women's Clubs, which is the umbrella organization for all non-profit women's associations on Guam, including Soroptimist International of Guam, Soroptimist International of the Marianas, International Women's Club of Guam, Guam Women's Club, Japan Club of Guam, Korean Women's Association of Guam, Chinese Ladies Association of Guam, American Association of University Women, Filipino Ladies

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Association of Guam, Palau Women's Club of Guam, and the Guam Memorial
 Hospital Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Council of Women's Clubs will host its annual
Women United Against Cancer Brunch, proceeds from which will benefit the
American Cancer Society and the Soroptimist International of Guam; and

6 WHEREAS, the Guam Council of Women's Clubs will coordinate this
7 year's Nissan Art Fair at which our local women will be showcasing their art;
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9 WHEREAS, as we observe "International Women's Day" let us take 10 time to reflect on the progress women have made to call for change, and to 11 celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have 12 played and continue to play an extraordinary role in the history of women's 13 rights; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na* 15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the 16 people of Guam, recognize March 8, 2007 as "International Women's Day"; 17 and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the 19 people of Guam, commend the Guam Council of Women's Clubs; the 20 Soroptimist International of Guam; Soroptimist International of the Marianas; 21 22 International Women's Club of Guam; Guam Women's Club; Japan Club of 23 Guam; Korean Women's Association of Guam; Chinese Ladies Association of 24 Guam; American Association of University Women; Filipino Ladies Association of Guam; Palau Women's Club of Guam; and the Guam Memorial 25

Hospital Volunteers for their invaluable contributions to the women in our
 community and to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive 3 4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption 5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Council of Women's Clubs; to Soroptimist International of Guam; to 6 Soroptimist International of the Marianas; to International Women's Club of 7 Guam; to Guam Women's Club; to Japan Club of Guam; to Korean Women's 8 9 Association of Guam; to Chinese Ladies Association of Guam; to American 10 Association of University Women; to Filipino Ladies Association of Guam; to Palau Women's Club of Guam; to Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers; and 11 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan. 12

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2007.

MARK FORBES Speaker and Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO Senator and Acting Secretary of the Legislature