

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 76**

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**Relative to supporting Taiwan's entry into the World Health Organization.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, over nine (9) decades ago on October 10, 1911, the Republic  
4        of China was founded. The United States of America and the Republic of  
5        China have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout this time, the  
6        ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of America  
7        and the Republic of China have developed into a stronger partnership; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the  
2 Republic of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and  
3 growth of the economy of this great country. This year the Republic of China  
4 (Taiwan) will observe the Ninety-sixth (96<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary of the Founding on  
5 October 10, 2007. In furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy,  
6 Taiwan continues to seek representation in international organizations and  
7 the people and the government of Guam support their efforts and entry into  
8 the United Nations and the World Health Organization. Good health is  
9 important to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of  
10 health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

11           **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)  
12 Constitution states that ‘the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of  
13 health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without  
14 distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.’

15           Taiwan and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000)  
16 people wish to join the World Health Organization (WHO) as a member.  
17 Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of the  
18 human condition that Taiwan be afforded membership in the WHO in order  
19 to benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of  
20 epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and  
21 discussions of global health policies; and

22           **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s achievements in the field of health are substantial,  
23 including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant  
24 mortality rates comparable to those of western countries; the eradication of

1 such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague; and being the  
2 first nation to eradicate polio and provide children with Hepatitis B  
3 vaccinations; and

4 **WHEREAS**, direct and unobstructed participation in international  
5 health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the  
6 world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of  
7 various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),  
8 tuberculosis, and malaria. Taiwan's population of twenty-three million five  
9 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people is greater than that of three-fourths of  
10 the member states already in the World Health Organization (WHO).  
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13 comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious  
14 diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio  
15 and provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
17 Prevention and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have enjoyed close  
18 collaboration on a wide range of public health issues. In recent years, Taiwan  
19 has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in  
20 international aid and health activities supported by WHO; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2001, an earthquake, registered between 7.6  
22 and 7.9 on the Richter scale, struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese  
23 Government sent two (2) rescue teams, consisting of ninety (90) individuals  
24 specializing in firefighting, medicine, and civil engineering. The Taiwanese

1 Ministry of Foreign Affairs also donated Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
2 (\$200,000) in relief aid to the Salvadoran Government; and

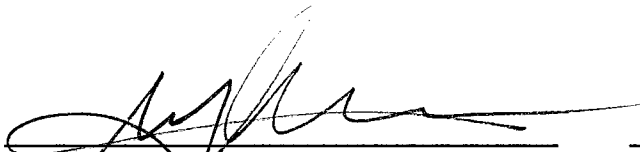
3 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to  
4 participate in the activities of the organization, including the Palestine  
5 Liberation Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the  
6 early 1950s. The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its  
7 intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international  
8 organizations. U.S. Public Law 106-137 required the Secretary of State to  
9 submit a report to the Congress on efforts by the executive branch to support  
10 Taiwan's participation in international organizations, in particular the WHO;  
11 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, in light of all benefits that Taiwan's participation in the  
15 WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally  
16 and globally, Taiwan and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand  
17 (23,500,000) people should have appropriate and meaningful participation in  
18 the WHO. As noted in his speech made in the World Medical Association on  
19 May 14, 2002, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson  
20 announced America's work for a healthy world cuts across political lines.  
21 According to Secretary Thompson, the U.S. government supports Taiwan's  
22 efforts to gain observership status at the World Health Assembly; and be it  
23 further

1       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of  
2 the people of Guam, does hereby express its support for the people of Taiwan,  
3 that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every nation on  
4 earth, and that we support them in their efforts to achieve its objective to  
5 become a member of WHO; and be further

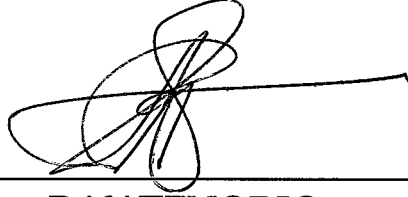
6       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
8 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable  
9 Margaret Chan, Director General, World Health Organization; to the  
10 Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; to the  
11 Honorable Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of State, United States of America; to  
12 the Honorable Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United  
13 States of America; to the Honorable Chen Shui-bian, President, Republic of  
14 China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Huang Chih-fang, Minister, Ministry of  
15 Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Sheng-Mou  
16 Hou, MD, Ph.D., MPH, Minister, Department of Health, Republic of China  
17 (Taiwan); to the Honorable James C.Y. Chin, Director General, Taipei  
18 Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable Ban ki-moon,  
19 Secretary General of the United Nations; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.  
20 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the  
21 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 18<sup>TH</sup>  
DAY OF MAY 2007.**



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker and  
Chairman, Executive Committee



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**RAY TENORIO**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature