

1 in 1993, SKIP was selected to appear on Ed McMahon's Star Search. SKIP won
2 the National Dance Championships held in various cities around the US from
3 1991 through 1998; and

4 **WHEREAS**, SKIP won the International choreographic Leo's Gold
5 Award at one of the most exciting competitions during the 1996 Jazz Dance
6 World Congress held at the Kennedy Center. SKIP was selected as featured
7 performers at the 1997 Jazz Dance World Congress in Weisbaden, Germany as
8 a result of Leo's Gold Award. Guam's SKIP dancers won the National Dance
9 Championship in San Antonio, Texas in 2001 and were featured on the
10 ShowStopper televised special; and

11 **WHEREAS**, international recognition was brought back to Guam when
12 SKIP was honored by winning the Overall Dance Championship at the
13 International Grand Prix Dance Festival in Cesena, Italy in July 2002; SKIP
14 was named the first runners-up at the ShowCase National Dance Finals on the
15 Gold Coast in Australia; went on to win the Jr. and Sr. Overall Championships
16 at the ShowTime National Finals in Niagara Falls, Canada and the StarPower
17 National Jr. Championship Title in Ocean City, Maryland all in 2004. SKIP
18 was named as one of the top 50 dance studios in the entire United States by
19 the Dance Teacher Magazine in 2006. Instructors and choreographers continue
20 to come to Guam from Los Angeles and New York City to work with Guam's
21 best; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the primary focus and goal of the SKIP Entertainment
2 Company is to provide a positive influence on the youth of Guam through
3 dance whereby students have an opportunity to develop life long values.
4 SKIP provides an atmosphere where students can maintain focus; have fun
5 while learning and each student is encouraged to excel; and

6 **WHEREAS**, students develop confidence as new challenges are met and
7 most important is the development of a deep sense of self-direction so that
8 participants can have the courage to reach for the stars. SKIP provides a
9 balance of incredible opportunities for the dancers on Guam, including dance
10 competitions, festivals, staged performances, television shows and
11 promotional tours around the world; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the SKIP Entertainment Company is unique in that it
13 provides professional training to students who are thousands of miles away
14 from the United States mainland; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the International Dance Grand Prix brought together dance
16 companies from all over the world – the United States, South Korea, India,
17 Spain, Turkey, Mexico, Israel, Switzerland, Japan, Russia, Italy, Slovakia and
18 Belgium; and

1 **WHEREAS**, individual dancers from Guam recognized at the Prix
2 include Mr. Patrick Wolff for outstanding performances; Mr. Brian Esperon
3 for top male senior dancer and Mr. AJ Arizala for top male junior dancer; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* join our island
5 community in recognizing and congratulating the SKIP Entertainment
6 Company on their triumphant win of two Cystal Cups each embodying a
7 distinction that currently belongs only to Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, after months of practice and an intense week of competition,
9 the SKIP Entertainment Company danced its way to earning the International
10 Dance Grand Prix Crystal Cup 2007 for best all-inclusive performances and
11 best choreography; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*
13 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
14 people of Guam recognize the SKIP Entertainment Company for receiving the
15 two top honors at the International Dance Grand Prix in Prague, Czech
16 Republic on July 7, 2007; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
18 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
19 hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms. Teri
20 Knapp, Director; Mr. Phil Flores and The Casa Group; Mr. Patrick Wolff, Mr.

- 1 Brian Esperon and Mr. AJ Arizala; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I
- 2 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature