

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN
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F-X. COMM.

Resolution No. 118

Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Inafa' Maolek Mediation Center on the occasion of the organization's hosting of its 2nd (second) Annual "Peace Talk Conference"; and recognizing the contributions, service, dedication and leadership by Inafa' Maolek in the area of "Conflict Resolution" to our island community.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN:**

2 **WHEREAS**, the 1983 the *Inafa' Maolek* Mediation Center was conceptualized and
3 founded by *Patrick Wolff, ESQ*, included in the center's initial work was the formal training
4 center of most of the island mediators, and

5 **WHEREAS**, in November of 1994, in an effort to address on-campus conflict at the
6 island campuses, the *Inafa' Maolek* Mediation Center stepped forward and offered its
7 services to the island's schoolchildren as a peer mediation program, the inaugural class
8 consisted of thirty-one (31) students from the John F. Kennedy High School in Tamuning;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, within a year, the education and training expanded to middle and
11 elementary school students; and

12 **WHEREAS**, through the years, *Inafa' Maolek* has continually evolved and expanded
13 its efforts to promote peace and harmony within our community by offering an array of
14 specialized conflict resolution education workshops; and

15 **WHEREAS**, *Inafa' Maolek's* Peace Theatre has served as an innovative tool to
16 effectively communicate peer mediation on a large spectrum of conflict resolution topics

1 including bullying, suicide, sexual harassment and other social issues facing today's youth;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, in its continue effort to promote mediation and restorative justice
4 throughout the community, *Inafa' Maolek* will host the 2007 Peace Talk Conference that will
5 focus on two themes: School Violence and Environmental Mediation, and feature to
6 renowned guest trainers, Ms. Peta Blood and Christopher Moore, Ph. D.; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Blood's presentation, Restorative Justice and Peer Mediation in
8 Schools and Preventing Violence in Schools," is timely as the island's youth have returned
9 to the classroom to start another academic year: and

10 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Moore's presentation, "Mediation of Environmental and Human
11 Resource Disputes," is also timely as our island community faces many environmental
12 challenges including solid waste management, water resource protection and an
13 impending military build-up, all of which will tax our fragile environment; now therefore,
14 be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf
16 of the people of Guam, commend *Inafa' Maolek* Mediation Center for its continued
17 commitment to promote peace and harmony within the community by means of mediation
18 through events like the 2007 Peace Talk Conference; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to,
20 the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Patrick M.
21 Wolff, founder and executive director, *Inafa' Maolek* Mediation Center; to Dr. Christopher
22 Moore, and Ms. Peta Blood, guest trainers, Peace Talk Conference, 2007; and to the
23 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY 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