

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Executive Committee  
Resolution No. 147

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**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE AKLAN ASSOCIATION OF GUAM FOR FORTY-TWO (42) YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY AND TO THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, PHILIPPINES; AND RECOGNIZING THE SELFLESS SPIRIT AND BENEVOLENCE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS, OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EX-OFFICIO ADVISORS.**

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

3            **WHEREAS**, on April 25, 1956 Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay put pen to paper and  
4 officially established the province of Aklan with the signing of Republic Act 1414; and

5            **WHEREAS**, Aklan, originally known as "Minuro it Akean", is considered the oldest  
6 province in the Philippines and is believed to have been established as early as 1213 by settlers from  
7 Borneo, is comprised of seventeen (17) municipalities; they include Altavas, Balete, Banga, Batan,  
8 Buruanga, Ibajay, Kalibo, Lezo, Libicao, Madalag, Makato, Malay, Malinao, Nabas, New  
9 Washington, Numancia and Tangalan; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Aklan's economy is based primarily on its agricultural offerings, cottage  
11 industries, and an emerging aquaculture trade, all spread throughout an estimated land mass of two  
12 hundred thousand three hundred ninety-nine (200,399) hectares, the borough of Libacao boasts the  
13 largest portion of real estate while Lezo records the smallest. Kalibo is the capital city; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the Aklanons pride themselves on their world-renowned commemoration of the  
15 Ati-Atihan, "an incredibly uproarious and hysterical merrymaking" festival celebrated during the  
16 third Sunday of every month in honor of the Santo Nino; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the Aklan Association of Guam has kept alive the traditions of its homeland,  
18 fostering through the generations the pride of the Ati-Atihan, and have actively encouraged

1 community engagement, civic works and benevolence throughout the island; be it through  
2 fundraising for worthy causes or by supporting programs that enhance the quality of life, the  
3 association has seamlessly intertwined the Hafa Adai and Mabuhay Spirit with its core offerings  
4 since its inception in May of 1965; and

5 **WHEREAS**, contributions from the Aklan Association of Guam include the annual display  
6 of the Ati-Atihan festivities, at venues through the island including the Annual Liberation Day  
7 Parade, and Guam Visitor’s Bureau “Big Summer Festival” and donations of Ypao Beach Park  
8 Picnic Shelters, financial assistance with the Archbishop Felixberto Flores statue in Perezville,  
9 Tamuning, wheelchairs to the Guam Memorial Hospital, and financial contributions to non-profit  
10 organizations such as: the Alee Shelter, the American Cancer Society, the Guam Lytico and Bodig  
11 Association, the American Red Cross, and have provided scholarships  
12 to students enrolled at the University of Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, currently stewarding the Aklan Association of Guam are the officers for the  
14 2006-2008 term: Bernardita C. Tiberio, President; Rolfe G. Bañes, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Susan S. Ibit,  
15 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Evangeline Magdael, Secretary; Jocilyn C. Baja, Assistant Secretary; Aurelio S.  
16 Solidum, Treasurer; Gemma F. Conlu, Assistant Treasurer; Marivie M. Luces, Auditor; Aida S.  
17 Luces, and Patrick S. Luces, Public Relations Officers, and Eustaquio Magdael and Joseph F.  
18 Entilla, Peace Officers; and

19 **WHEREAS**, ensuring that the association stays true to its mission and objectives are board  
20 members Marcy C. Andres, Ma. Winsy M. Bañes, Julie M. Cabales, Jackson T. Doroteo, Erlinda C.  
21 Flores, Narciso M. Ibit, Dorothy A. Igcasenza, Lawrence S. Luces, Lerisa F. Santiago, Presy M.  
22 Silvestre, Andrew T. Solidum, Bernie S. Solidum, Bernard S. Solidum, Mae I Soliva and Necita T.  
23 Torres; and

24 **WHEREAS**, those that have provided guidance and wisdom, lay the groundwork for the  
25 association include Ex officio Advisors Juanito Roldan, Johnny Q. Luces, †Epifania Payba, Nonoy  
26 Solidum, Porfirio Payba, Betty Fortaleza, †Joseph Balidio, Romeo Cabales, Tony S. Luces, Dubel S.  
27 M. Conlu, Roy S. Adonay and Linda Higa; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Aklan Association of Guam family congregates today to celebrate over four  
29 (4) decades of existence and to give thanks to our creator for the blessings bestowed upon the people  
30 of the Province of Aklan, and all countrymen of the Philippines and fellow expatriates that have  
31 embraced the island and made Guam their home; as well as for the for the ability to impart offerings  
32 to our fellow citizenry; now therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
2 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Aklan Association of  
3 Guam for forty-two (42) years of contributions, service and dedication to our island community and  
4 to the Province of Aklan, Philippines; ; and be it further

5           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
6 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, and recognize the selfless spirit and benevolence of  
7 the organization's Members, Officers, Board of Directors and Ex-Officio Advisors; and be it further

8           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the  
9 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Bernardita C. Tiberio,  
10 President of the Aklan Association of Guam; to Juanito Roldan, Johnny Q. Luces, †Epifania Payba,  
11 Nonoy Solidum, Porfirio Payba, Betty Fortaleza, †Joseph Balidio, Romeo Cabales, Tony S. Luces,  
12 Dubel S. M. Conlu, Roy S. Adonay and Linda Higa, who selfessy serve as Ex officio Advisors; and  
13 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.

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

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**Edward J. B. Calvo**  
**Acting Speaker and Senator**  
**Chairman, Executive Committee**

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