

I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating Iglesia Ni Cristo on
the occasion of their 39th Anniversary celebration.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Iglesia Ni Cristo, or Church of Christ, started to hold worship
4 services on Guam in 1960, and was registered with the government of Guam on
5 March 17, 1969; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the initial group of members of the Iglesia Ni Cristo consisted of
7 50 members who met in a rented Quonset hut in Tamuning; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Brother Liberato Panares arrived from the Philippines on
9 November 29, 1969 as the locale's first resident minister and after that, the late
10 Brother Aniceto S. Bunag, Sr. presided over the erection of a semi-concrete church on
11 Route 16 in Harmon, Dededo; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the late Brother Cipriano P. Sandoval, General Secretary of the
13 Iglesia Ni Cristo, came all the way from the Central Office of the Iglesia Ni Cristo in
14 New Era, Quezon City, Philippines to officiate in a worship service on Guam

1 dedicating the first church and adjacent parsonage in 1973, when the church had 150
2 members; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the number of members lead to the formation of another locale on
4 the island and the locale of Apra Heights in Santa Rita was organized in 1984; and

5 **WHEREAS**, with the continuing growth and increase in the number of
6 members, the need for a bigger, more impressive house of worship became the ardent
7 wish and desire of the entire congregation; this resulted in the approval of a
8 construction of a new house of worship with the benevolent support of the
9 Administration of the Church where devotional prayers could be held; and

10 **WHEREAS**, construction started immediately on February 22, 1993 and the
11 present house of worship in Harmon, an elegant \$2.1 million edifice with a 600
12 seating capacity, was dedicated to God on March 19, 1994 and serves as the spiritual
13 sanctuary for the more than 1,000 worshipers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and
14 Sundays; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the edifice, impressive and magnificent from the outside, reflects
16 the holiness and sanctity of the Church of Christ and the sacredness of its mission – to
17 bring honor and glory to the Almighty God -- and today it is one of the most
18 conspicuous and remarkable landmarks in Guam; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in commemorating these momentous events, the locales of
20 Harmon and Apra Heights combined their efforts to host a Grand Evangelical
21 Mission (GEM) with Musical Presentation, and this is an opportunity for the public to
22 hear why the Iglesia Ni Cristo believes in the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus
23 Christ; and

24 **WHEREAS**, on this occasion, Minister Levie Galapon, Jr. of Apra Heights is
25 offering the biblical reason why the Church believes in the imminent return of the
26 Lord Jesus Christ, citing verses in the Bible that highlight the signs of His Second

1 Coming and pointing out the events that will transpire in this world during the day
2 that Christ comes; now, therefore, let it be

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Iglesia Ni Cristo and its
5 locales for their mission, devotion, accomplishments and belief in the Second Coming
6 of the Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
8 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
9 Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
10 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2008.**

Judith T. Wonpat
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna Barns
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature