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***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2008 (Second) Regular Session**

**Executive Committee**  
**Resolution No. 213**

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**Relative to recognizing the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the  
4 Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth of June; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence  
6 through the sacrifice of many Filipino Heroes such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the  
7 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote 'Noli Me Tangere' (The Lost  
8 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment and whose execution by  
9 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led  
10 the Cry of Balintawak; General Emelio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle  
11 of Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the "Sublime Paralytic" and  
12 the Brain of the Revolution; and

13 **WHEREAS,** the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas  
14 such as Melchora Aquino, known as 'Tandang Sora', who was exiled to the

1 Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28)  
2 year old teacher who was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and  
3 other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary  
4 Forces; and

5         **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on  
6 June 12, 1898, when General Emelio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines'  
7 independence at his hometown of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people  
8 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the  
9 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National  
10 Anthem was played in public for the first time, after which the 'Act of the  
11 Declaration of Independence' was solemnly read by its author Ambrosio  
12 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of  
13 Independence; and

14         **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of  
15 Municipal Presidents and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the  
16 Philippines in Malolos, Bulacan on September 1898 as an expression of the  
17 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and

18         **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam celebrates Philippine  
19 Independence annually with various activities such as: Wreath Laying at the  
20 Mabini Shrine located in the War in the Pacific National Historical Park in  
21 Asan that commemorates fifty-two (52) Filipino heroes, including Apolinario  
22 Mabini, who were exiled to Guam; and the Filipino Community of Guam's  
23 Philippine Independence Ball, an annual event that gathers many of Guam's  
24 affluent to celebrate the numerous contributions that Filipinos have made to  
25 the island; now, therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
3 people of Guam, recognize the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of  
4 Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and further congratulates the  
5 Filipino Community of Guam on its festivities in observance thereof on June  
6 13, 2008 at this year's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna  
7 Resort; and be it further

8           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive  
9 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption  
10 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Rene  
11 Quintans, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani  
12 Mercado, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; the Honorable Gloria  
13 Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Felix P.  
14 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

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JUDITH T. WON PAT  
Speaker

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Senator and Legislative Secretary