

## I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2008 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Relative to Congratulating Donald Muña and Kelly Muña, the principals of Muña Brothers production company, their associate producers and their cast and crew on the occasion of the world premier of their movie, "Shiro's Head", the first full length feature movie produced, written and directed by Chamorros and filmed entirely on Guam.

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, brothers Donald and Kelly Muña are the sons of Mr. and
- 4 Mrs. Juan and Guadalupe Muña; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Kelly Muña is married to Naomi Castro-Muña and has one
- 6 son, Elijah J. Reyes; and
- 7 WHEREAS, filmmakers 'Don' and 'Kel' Muna began their professional
- 8 careers on Guam, having worked at Pacific Telestations, Glimpses Advertising
- 9 and Sorenson Media Group and then moved to the U.S. mainland to further
- 10 their education and gain experience; and

1 WHEREAS, Kel Muña was graduated in 2002 from the Full Sail 2 University School of Film as class Valedictorian, after which Kel joined the team of the San Francisco Bay Area's KTVU news channel; and 3 4 WHEREAS, having decided to venture out on their own, Don and Kel 5 Muña started their own independent production company, Rockford Images, LLC.; they co-authored the book "Why Go To Film School? - The Beginner's 6 7 Guide to Filmmaking"; the short story "The Legend of Shiro" and the 8 screenplay to their debut feature film "Shiro's Head"; and 9 WHEREAS, Don and Kel Muña returned to Guam to pursue their 10 dream of applying their production skills and their creativity and artistry toward the production of "Shiro's Head", the first full length feature movie 11 12 produced, written and directed by Chamorros and filmed entirely on Guam; 13 and WHEREAS, "Shiro's Head" is a story of family faith and forgiveness 14 through a young man's struggle with family, its secrets, and his own dark 15 past; and 16 17 WHEREAS, "Shiro's Head" is truly a homegrown endeavor having all aspects of production, from cast to crew, from start to finish, handled by local 18 19 talent; and 20 WHEREAS, the Muña brothers, the associate producers, actors and

production crew all serve to inspire people on Guam and elsewhere to reach

ever higher in the pursuit of their dreams and aspirations; and

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WHEREAS, the Muña Brothers film, "Shiro's Head", has a cast of all 1 2 local talent consisting of Matt Ladmirault, Aleta Borja, Julius Santos, Don 3 Muña, Dion Lizama, Abel Inocencio, Nick Baza, Justin Mateo, Dianna Ladmirault and Andrew Wheeler; was produced, written and directed by the 4 5 Muna Brothers Don and Kel Muña; has as Associate Producers Jennifer Davis, 6 Naomi Castro and Michael Muña; and whose Illustration Art Director is 7 Matthew Blas; and 8 WHEREAS, the Muña Brothers film has recently been named as an 9 official selection into the Louis Vuitton 28th Annual Hawaii International Film 10 Festival on October 14th, as well as the Philadelphia Asian American Film 11 Festival on October 11th, and the Red Rug World Premier on October 3, 2008 at the Hagatna Center Stadium Theatres where the filmmaking duo will 12 13 celebrate with the cast, crew, sponsors and supporters of this independent 14 film. Now, therefore, be it 15

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Don and Kel Muna, their associate producers and the cast and crew of the movie, "Shiro's Head", for creating the first full-length feature movie produced, written and directed by Chamorros and filmed entirely on Guam; and be it further

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**RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes the importance of work performed by all who were involved in every aspect of the production of "Shiro's Head", as they embody the longstanding desire

1 of Guam's leadership that our local people return to our island after

2 completing their education and training and use their hard-won skills toward

3 the betterment of Guam and its people; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the

5 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

6 thereafter transmitted to Donald Muna, Kelly Muna, Matt Ladmirault, Aleta

7 Borja, Julius Santos, Don Muna, Dion Lizama, Abel Inocencio, Nick Baza,

8 Justin Mateo, Dianna Ladmirault, Andrew Wheeler, Jennifer Davis, Naomi

9 Castro-Muna, Michael Muna and Matthew Blas; and to the Honorable Felix P.

10 Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE SPEAKER OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_th DAY OF OCTOBER 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature

RAY TENORIO Senator and Sponsor