

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 16 (c)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND
CONGRATULATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
STAFF AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF THE
ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY, GUAM, ON THE AIRPORT
AUTHORITY'S 31st ANNIVERSARY AS AN
AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AGENCY

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

3 WHEREAS, the Guam International Airport Authority was created
4 by enactment of Public Law 13-57 on January 20, 1976; and

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of the newly-created agency was to acquire,
6 construct, reconstruct, purchase, extend, improve, better, operate and
7 maintain airports and related facilities for civil aviation purposes on Guam;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Authority was also empowered to acquire and
10 develop real property for airport facilities, and administer airport facilities
11 on federal lands pursuant to the Joint Use Agreement with the United
12 States; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Authority was allowed to avail itself of professional
2 services of qualified consultants, specialists and experts; and

3 **WHEREAS**, adequate funding for airport operations and capital
4 projects was provided through complete authority to set and collect fees,
5 rates, rentals, landing fees and charges, and to issue revenue; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,
7 Guam was established with these powers and the confidence of this
8 community to be self-sustaining; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam's airport Authority is generally regarded as our
10 premier government of Guam agency, delivering world-class service to
11 residents, visitors and community tenants alike without financial reliance
12 on local taxpayers; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the governing Board, management and staff of the
14 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam are comprised
15 almost entirely of talent drawn from the local community; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the men and women who guide, manage and operate
17 our island's only civilian air travel and cargo port have overcome the
18 challenges of adversity and natural calamity; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Authority has embarked on an ambitious \$102
20 million capital enhancement program, transforming the 1950's style naval
21 air base facilities and surrounding neighborhoods into a competitive 21st
22 Century portal for trans-Pacific air traffic; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority,
24 Guam is committed to serving a demand-driven regional market for
25 airport services, created by the dynamics of new generation carriers and

1 globalization, with its endorsement of "Open Skies" lifting of federal
2 restrictions on competition for regional and domestic cargo and
3 passengers; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a Petition for Expanded Air Services at the Antonio B.
5 Won Pat International Airport was filed with the U.S. Department of
6 Transportation on February 9, 2006; subsequently granting foreign air
7 carriers an exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to engage in cargo transfer
8 activities at Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport in a Final Order
9 issued December 22, 2006; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in January 2007 the people of Guam celebrate the 31st
11 Anniversary of the establishment of the Antonio B. Won Pat International
12 Airport Authority, Guam ("Authority") as a public corporation and
13 autonomous instrumentality of the government of Guam; and now,
14 therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED** that the 29th Guam Legislature hereby commends the
16 Board of Directors, management, staff and community partners of the
17 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam for their
18 exemplary dedication to cause the public purposes of the Authority's
19 mandate to be fulfilled in 2006; and now be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the 29th Guam Legislature congratulates the
21 Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam Board of
22 Directors, management, staff and community partners on the occasion of
23 the Authority's 31st anniversary of its founding as an autonomous
24 instrumentality of the people of Guam; and now be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
2 Legislature attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
3 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Frank F. Blas, Chairman, Board of
4 Directors, and to the Governor of Guam.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUBEI NA*
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature