

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2007 (FIRST) Regular Session

Executive Committee
Resolution No. 48

Introduced by:

Ray Tenorio

Relative to recognizing March 8, 2007 as 'International Women's Day' and commending all the organizations under the Guam Council of Women's Clubs for their invaluable contributions to the women in our community and to the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900's: a time of great expansion and turbulence in the newly industrialized world that saw a boom in population and rise of extreme ideologies; and

WHEREAS, fifteen thousand (15,000) women marched through New York City demanding shorter hours, better pay, and voting rights during 1908, a time when oppression and discrimination was spurring women to become vocal and active in campaigning for change and equal footing with men in society; and

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WHEREAS, the first National Women's Day was observed across the United States on February 28, 1908, which was in accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America; and

WHEREAS, in 1910, during an International Socialist meeting in Copenhagen, the idea of an International Women's Day was proposed to honor the women's rights movement and to assist in achieving universal suffrage for women, in which over one hundred (100) women from seventeen (17) different countries unanimously agreed to the proposal, where three (3) of the women were later elected to the Finnish parliament; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the decision taken at Copenhagen, International Women's Day was marked for the first time on March 19, 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland where more than one million (1,000,000) women and men attended rallies campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, hold public office, and end discrimination on the job; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day encompasses all facets of society around the world that was once divided by physical boundaries, ethnicity, language, culture, economic and political differences; and

WHEREAS, this movement is recognized through groups such as the Guam Council of Women's Clubs which is the umbrella organization for all non-profit women's associations on Guam

consisting of Soroptimist International of Guam, Soroptimist International of the Marianas, International Women's Club of Guam, Guam Women's Club, Japan Club of Guam, Korean Women's Association of Guam, Chinese Ladies Association of Guam, American Association of University Women, Filipino Ladies Association of Guam, Palau Women's Club of Guam, and the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Council of Women's Clubs will be hosting its annual Women United Against Cancer Brunch in which proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Soroptimist International of Guam along with the Guam Council of Women's Clubs will be coordinating this year's Nissan Art Fair in which our local women will be showcasing their art through the fair; and

WHEREAS, as we observe International Women's Day, lets take time to reflect on the progress made, to call for change, and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played and continue to play an extraordinary role in the history of women's right and on our island; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam recognized March 8, 2007 as 'International Women's Day'; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does, hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam further commend the Guam Council of Women's Clubs and all the non-profit women's organization which include the Soroptimist International of Guam; Soroptimist International of the Marianas; International Women's Club of Guam; Guam Women's Club; Japan Club of Guam; Korean Women's Association of Guam; Chinese Ladies Association of Guam; American Association of University Women; Filipino Ladies Association of Guam; Palau Women's Club of Guam, and the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers for their invaluable contributions to the women in our community and to the people of Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Council of Women's Clubs; Soroptimist International of Guam; Soroptimist International of the Marianas; International Women's Club of Guam; Guam Women's Club; Japan Club of Guam; Korean Women's Association of Guam; Chinese Ladies Association of Guam; American Association of University Women; Filipino Ladies Association of Guam; Palau Women's Club

of Guam; Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers; and to the Honorable
Felix P. 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 MARCH, 2007.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman of the Executive Committee

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature