

MINA'BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Exec. Comm.
Resolution No. 06

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, United Filipino Students Association, Leyte-Samar Association of Guam, Capizenos Association of Guam, and Marian Movement of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Child Jesus, on their joint commemoration of their Patron Saint, Santo Nino (Pit Sinor), by way of Sinulog, Ati-atihan, Dinagyang, and Dance fan signifying the act of thanksgiving for the blessing and graces bestowed by the Santo Nino, and to extending a "*dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse*" to the members of these organizations for coordinating this year's joint commemoration and for their initiative in bringing such tradition to Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN
GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, on April 28, 1565, Juan Camus, a sailor in Legaspi's Fleet, found in the modest house located in the former Village of Cebu the image of Santo Nino which at the time all agreed had been brought by Spanish conquerors from Europe; and

WHEREAS, the image had a little skirt and a cap, two (2) of its fingers on its right hand raised in a gesture of blessing, while the left hand held a globe, symbolizing the World; and

WHEREAS, the wedding ceremony of Princess Isabela of Spain and Maestro Andres, a Greek Carpenter, is re-enacted annually during the feast of Santo Nino of Cebu and is jubilantly celebrated with dances and fireworks to recall the happiness and good omen brought about to the Cebuanos by the marriage of Isabela and Andres; and

WHEREAS, when the Spaniards arrived in Cebu, Ferdinand Magellan offered to Hara Amihan, wife of Rajah Humabon, King of Cebu, the image of the Santo Nino. The natives preserved the Sinulog as their cultural dance, limited only to honoring the Santo Nino, and continue to perform the Sinulog in front of churches while devotees offer candles and dancers shout "Pit Sinor" amidst the vibrant variations of uniforms representing different motifs and meanings for the hope of positive change and for the relief of many kinds of illnesses, personal trials, and tribulations; and

WHEREAS, during the annual feast of the Santo Nino, the Basilica holding the mass is usually filled with people dancing after the solemn celebration with the devotees executing the Sinulog. The dance continues during the procession in front of the carroza, which bears the statue along the streets of Cebu, and upon arriving at the plaza each contingent shows a

variety of exposition and exhibition, each signifying the ways of imploring assistance; and

WHEREAS, Iloilo celebrates the feast in honor of Santo Nino every third Saturday of January in the Philippines with the untiring sounds of the drum beats with implications patented after the Aklan's Ati-atihan; and

WHEREAS, this is the fourth time in the history of the Santo Nino fiesta in Guam, that the five (5) aforementioned Filipino organizations celebrate together the feast of Santo Nino as suggested by Cardinal Vidal of Cebu, who was responsible for bringing the image of the Santo Nino as a gift to the Most Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM. Cap., DD, and to the Archdiocese of *Hagåtña*, Guam; and

WHEREAS, Santo Nino is the comforter of the first missionaries in the Philippines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Ñuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, Santo Nino De Maligaya and Marian Movement, and the Society of Jesus Associations on the joint commemoration of their Patron Saint, Santo Nino, and does further extend a "*dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'*" to the aforementioned organizations for coordinating this year's joint commemoration and for their initiative in bringing such tradition to Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

thereafter transmitted to Mr. Tim Oftana, Chairperson, 2007 Santo Nino Celebrations' Coordinating Committee; to the Presidents of the Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, United Filipino Students, Leyte-Samar, Capizenos, and Marian Movement of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Child Jesus Associations; to the Honorable Teresita Mendiola, Philippine Consulate General's Office of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' BENTE ÑUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2007.

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature