

**I MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
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Resolution No. 118 (EC)

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF I
MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN
GUAHAN ON THE GRANTING OF DEBT RELIEF
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PURSUANT TO
U.S. PUBLIC LAW 108-88 AND TO SUPPORTING THE
EFFORTS OF I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN FOR SUCH
PURPOSE**

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 108-88 authorized the President of
3 the United States of America to provide debt relief for outstanding
4 federal obligations by the government of Guam as of December 31,
5 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, the intent of U.S. Public Law 108-88 was patterned
7 after federal debt relief granted to the government of the United
8 States Virgin Islands; and

9 WHEREAS, U.S. Public Law 108-88 included the following
10 outstanding Government of Guam federal obligations as eligible for
11 debt relief consideration by President George W. Bush as follows:

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1 (a) \$105 Million owed by the Guam Telephone Authority to the
2 U.S. Department of Agriculture for telephone infrastructure
3 improvements;

4 (b) \$9 Million owed by the Guam Waterworks Authority to the
5 U.S. Department of the Navy for water consumption;

6 (c) \$3 Million owed by the Guam Community College to the
7 U.S. Department of Education for the construction of a
8 student housing facility;

9 (d) \$40 Million owed by the Government of Guam in local
10 matching funds to the Department of Homeland Security for
11 Typhoon Chata'an (FEMA1426DR), and Super typhoon
12 Pongsona (FEMA1446DR) disaster assistance; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Governor Felix P. Camacho has determined that
14 more than \$60.5 Million of federal obligations identified for debt
15 relief by the government of Guam should be reconsidered as follows:

16 (a) \$393,223 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

17 (b) \$10,083,172 to the U.S. Department of Defense;

18 (c) \$1,931,985 to the U.S. Department of Education;

19 (d) \$6,571,676 to the U.S. Department of Health and Human
20 Services;

21 (e) \$24,610,025 to the U.S. Department of Homeland Defense –
22 Federal Emergency Management Agency;

23 (f) \$598,275 to the U.S. Department of Justice;

- 1 (g)\$971,770 to the U.S. Department of Labor;
- 2 (h)\$14,260,923 to the U.S. Department of Interior;
- 3 (i) \$665,877 to the U.S. Department of Transportation; and
- 4 (j) \$420,019 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Governor Felix P. Camacho will be traveling to
6 Washington, D.C. to request that these amounts be revisited with
7 Bush Administration Officials in a February 28, 2006 meeting of the
8 Interagency Group on Insular Areas; now therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan*
10 does hereby, express its support to Governor Felix P. Camacho in his
11 efforts to seek debt relief from the Federal Government; and be it
12 further

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan*
14 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, petition the Bush
15 Administration to revisit and approve the debt relief request
16 submitted by Governor Felix P. Camacho; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan*
18 does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, request that the Bush
19 Administration provide parity to the people of Guam in the review of
20 this request; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative
22 Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same
23 be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President

1 of the United States of America; to the Honorable Richard Cheney,
2 Vice President of the United States of America; to the Honorable Gale
3 Norton, Secretary of Interior; Director Joshua Bolten of the Office of
4 Management and Budget; the head of the White House Office of
5 Intergovernmental Affairs; Deputy Assistant Secretary David Cohen
6 of the U.S. Department of Interior; the Honorable Richard Pombo,
7 Chairman of the Resources Committee, United States House of
8 Representatives; Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo; and to
9 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*, Governor of Guam.