I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

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F. B. Aguon;

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the International Women's Group organization on its call extending a heartfelt "Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse" for its contributions to our society and its international recognition

thus giving the women of our community the recognition, respect, admiration and equality they so justly deserve.

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

WHEREAS, the "International Women's Day" is an occasion marked by

women's group around the world. It is a day also commemorated at the

United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday.

When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by 6

ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences come together to

celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least

nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is the story of ordinary women

as makers of history; it is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to

participate in society on an equal footing with men. This idea of International

Women's Day arose at the turn of the century, which in the industrialized

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1 world was a period of expansion and turbulence, booming population growth

2 and radical ideologies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, the first National Women's Day was observed across the United States on February 28, 1909 and women continued to celebrate it on the last Sunday of that month through 1913; and

WHEREAS, in 1910, the Socialist International meeting in Copenhagen, established a Women's Day, international in character, to honor the movement for women's rights and to assist in achieving universal suffrage for women. The proposal was greeted with unanimous approval by the conference of over one hundred (100) women from seventeen (17) countries, which included the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the decision taken at Copenhagen the previous year, 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 women and men attended rallies. In addition to the right to vote and to hold public office, they demanded the right to work, to vocational training and to an end to discrimination on the job; and

WHEREAS, since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point for coordinated efforts to demand women's rights and participation in the political and economic process. International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to

- 1 call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary
- 2 women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women's
- 3 rights; now, therefore, be it
- 4 **RESOLVED,** that I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
- 5 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the
- 6 International Women's group on its celebration of "International Women's
- 7 Day" on March 8, 2005, and extend a "Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'" for their
- 8 contributions to our society and their international recognition; thus giving
- 9 the women in our community the recognition, respect, admiration and
- 10 equality they so justly deserve; and be it further
- 11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
- 12 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
- 13 thereafter transmitted to the Filipina Ladies Association of Guam; to the
- 14 Chinese Women's Association; to the Korean Women's Association; to the
- 15 Guam Counsel of Women's Club; to the American Association of University
- 16 Women; to the Family Readiness Group, Guam Army National Guard; to the
- 17 Soroptimist International; to the Guam Women's Club; to the Honorable F.
- 18 Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
- 19 Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the
- 20 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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LIHESI	ATUR	AN GUÅHAN (ON THE 24 TH	DAY	OF FEBRUARY	2005.	

MARK FORBES	EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Speaker	Senator and Secretary of the Legislature