



**MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 3(45)

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Relative to recognizing and commending President Daisaku Ikeda, Kaneko Ikeda and the world-wide members of Soka Gakkai International on their tireless effort and dedication in promoting world peace and congratulating the Soka Gakkai International on its 30th Anniversary of SGI day and the Second Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a lay Buddhist**
4 **association with more than 12 million members in 190 countries and**
5 **territories worldwide, sharing a common vision for a better world by**
6 **promoting peace through culture and education; and**

7 **WHEREAS, since 1983, SGI has been accredited as a Non-governmental**
8 **Organization (NGO) by the United Nations, with its status as a NGO, SGI has**

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1 worked tirelessly to encourage harmony and coexistence between nations;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, SGI was founded on Islan Guåhan on the January 26, 1975,

4 with 158 delegates from 51 countries attending the auspicious occasion, to

5 begin the grassroots activities of peace, education and culture, based on the

6 humanistic outlook of Nichiren Buddhism; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Islan Guåhan was chosen as the venue to conduct the first

8 World Peace Conference given that a century of peace should begin from

9 Islan Guåhan which suffered so terribly from the ravages of war; and

10 **WHEREAS**, during the conference SGI members nominated Daisaku

11 Ikeda as the new president, in which Mr. Ikeda called upon the members of

12 SGI to devote their lives to planting seeds of peace throughout the world; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of

14 SGI, the first Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference was held on

15 Islan Guåhan, in which the participants adopted a resolution expressing the

16 fundamental principles of human equality and the inherent dignity of life;

17 and

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ikeda, whose belief is that only through that personal
2 interaction and dialogue across cultural and philosophical boundaries can
3 human beings nurture trust and understanding that is fundamental for
4 lasting peace; and

5 **WHEREAS**, upholding this ideal, Mr. Ikeda has traveled extensively
6 meeting with the world's thinkers, policymakers and scholars promoting the
7 fundamental rights of humankind and the ideals of peace, culture, and
8 education; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2005, is the 30th anniversary of the founding
10 of SGI, in celebration SGI-USA will be sponsoring "World Peace" events on
11 Islan Guåhan; and

12 **WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2005, at the Governor's Conference Room,
13 SGI-USA will host an exhibition "Building a Culture of Peace for the Children
14 of the World"; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Resort, SGI-USA will
16 host the Second Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference for

1 Educators focusing on Humanistic Education: Fostering a Culture of Peace;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2005, at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's
4 Complex, SGI-USA will host a festival celebrating "Diverse Culture"; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on January 17 thru 21, 2005, at the University of Guam, R.F.K
6 Library, and on January 24 thru 28, 2005 at the Guam Community College,
7 SGI-USA, the Hindu community of Guam, the African-American Heritage
8 Committee, the U.S. Military community, Dr. Marilyn Jackson, Association
9 for Childhood Education, University of Guam, Claudette McGhee, Martin L.
10 King Human Rights Commission, Guam Community College will be hosting
11 the exhibition of the "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace"; and

12 **WHEREAS**, November 18, 2005, will mark the 75th Anniversary of Soka
13 Gakkai's founding; now therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does
15 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate
16 President Daisaku Ikeda and Kaneko Ikeda for their many far-reaching and

1 humanistic efforts to promote world peace and human rights; and be it
2 further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to and the Legislative Secretary
4 attest the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter
5 transmitted to President Daisaku Ikeda, to SGI-USA, to Guam SGI, to the
6 Hindu community, African-American Heritage Committee, the U.S. Military
7 Community, Dr. Marilyn Jackson, Association for Childhood Education,
8 University of Guam Claudette McGhee, Martin Luther King Human Rights
9 Commission, Guam Community College, and to the Honorable Felix P.
10 Camacho, I Maga'lahañ Guåhan.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF JANUARY 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker

EDDIE B. CALVO
Senator and Legislative Secretary