

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

Resolution No. 42 (EC)

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Relative to commemorating the outstanding life of Pope John Paul II and requesting declaration of a State of Mourning.

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

1 **WHEREAS**, Karol Józef Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920 in
2 Wadowice(Krakov), Poland; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on September 15, 1926 he attended the elementary school
4 for boys, and then the prep years of secondary school “Marcin Wadowita” in
5 which during all his classes he achieved top grades; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on April 13, 1929, his mother passed away; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on December 5, 1932, his brother Edmund passed away;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, Karol Józef Wojtyla received the Holy Sacrament of
10 Confirmation on May 1938; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on June 22, 1938, he enrolled in the Faculty of Philosophy
12 at Jagellonian University, Kraków.; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on September 1, 1939 the Second World War began and
14 Poland was occupied by Nazi Forces; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on February 1940, Karol Józef Wojtyla met Jan Tyranowski,
16 a tailor by trait, a man of profound spirituality, and whom was shaped by the
17 Carmelite School. Jan Tyranowski introduced Karol Wojtyla to the writings of
18 John of the Cross and Teresa d’Avila; and

19 **WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1940, Karol Józef Wojtyla forestalled
20 deportation and imprisonment by the Nazis by working as a stone cutter in a
21 quarry at Zakrzówek, Kraków; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on February 18, 1941, his father passed; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on October 1942, Karol Józef Wojtyła began clandestine
2 studies for the priesthood in Kraków’s underground seminary and registered
3 in the Faculty of Theology of the Jagellonian University; and

4 **WHEREAS**, on February 29 through March 12, 1944, Karol Józef
5 Wojtyła was hit by an automobile and was hospitalized and recovered; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on August 1944, Archbishop Adam Stefan Sapieha
7 transferred Karol Wojtyła, together with other clandestine seminarians to the
8 Archbishop’s Residence where he remained until the end of the war; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on January 18, 1945, the Russian Armed Forces freed
10 Kraków from Nazi occupation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on April 9, 1945, Karol Józef Wojtyła was elected vice-
12 president of the student organization “Bratnia Pomoc” (Fraternal Help) at
13 Jagellonian University. He served in this capacity until the end of May 1946;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, on November 1, 1946, Karol Józef Wojtyła was ordained a
16 priest. He received Holy Orders from the hands of Archbishop Metropolitan
17 Adam Sapieha in his private chapel ; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on November 2, 1946, Karol Józef Wojtyła celebrated his
19 first Mass in the crypt of St. Leonard at Wavel.; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on June 14 through June 19, 1948, he defended his thesis
21 “The Problems of Faith in the Works of St. John of the Cross”, and earned a
22 doctorate in philosophy; and

23 **WHEREAS**, on December 16, 1948, he earned a doctorate in sacred
24 theology in the Faculty of Theology at the Jagellonian University with highest

1 marks, he received his master's degree in theology at the Jagellonian
2 University in Kraków (1942- 1946); and

3 **WHEREAS**, on August 1949, he was recalled to Kraków to be assistant
4 pastor at St. Florian's; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1956, he was appointed to the Chair of
6 Ethics at the Catholic University in Lublin; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1958, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop to
8 Archbishop Mons. Eugeniusz Baziak of Kraków; and

9 **WHEREAS**, on September 28, 1958 he was ordained Bishop in the
10 Cathedral of Wavel; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on July 16, 1962, after the death of Archbishop Baziak, he
12 was named Vicar Capitular; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on October 5, 1962, Karol Józef Wojtyla left for Rome to
14 participate in the first session of the Second Vatican Council (October 11 –
15 December 8); and

16 **WHEREAS**, on December 30, 1963, Karol Józef Wojtyla was designated
17 Metropolitan Bishop of Kraków; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on November 18, 1965, the Letter of Reconciliation of the
19 Polish Bishops to the German Bishops, containing the famous words "We
20 forgive and ask forgiveness" transpired; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on May 29, 1967, Pope Paul VI announced the next
22 Consistory. Among the names of the new Cardinals elect was that of Karol
23 Wojtyla; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on June 28, 1967, Metropolitan Bishop Karol Józef Wojtyła
2 was consecrated Cardinal in the Sistine Chapel, by Pope Paul VI; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on February 28, 1969, during his visitation to the parish of
4 Corpus Domini he made a visit to the Jewish Community and to the
5 Synagogue in the Kazimierz section of Kraków; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on October 5, 1971, Cardinal Wojtyła was elected to the
7 Council of the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on June 23, Cardinal Wojtyła received a doctorate “honoris
9 causa” from Johannes Guttenberg University, Mainz; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on September 30 through October 29, 1977, the IV General
11 Assembly of the Synod of Bishops met and Cardinal Wojtyła was elected to
12 the Council of the Secretary General of the Synod on the 24th day of October
13 1977; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on October 16, 1978 Cardinal Karol Wojtyła was elected
15 264th Pope at approximately 5:15 p.m., he was named John Paul II. He was the
16 263rd Successor of Peter; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on January 24, 1979, Pope John Paul II accepted the request
18 made by Argentina and Chile for the Holy See’s Mediation in solving the
19 controversy between the two countries; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on January 24 1979, Pope John Paul II received in audience
21 the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Gromyko; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on June 2, 1979, Pope John Paul II made a Pastoral Visit to
23 his homeland, Poland (June 2 through June 10, 1979). This marked his second
24 Apostolic Voyage outside of Vatican City, and in a historic moment, the Pope
25 kissed the ground of Poland as he departed his aircraft, igniting a nationalist

1 spirit that led to the downfall of Communism in Poland and throughout
2 Europe; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on October 2, 1979, On his visit to the United States, Pope
4 John Paul II addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations in the
5 United Nations, New York; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on May 13, 1981, at 5:19 p.m. a young Turk Mehmet Ali
7 Agca made an attempt on the Pope’s life while he was circling St. Peter’s
8 Square before his General Audience. Severely wounded, the Pope was
9 operated on for six hours at Gemelli Hospital in Rome, and

10 **WHEREAS**, on May 17, 1981, Pope John Paul II recited the Angelus at
11 Gemelli Hospital, saying “Pray for the brother who shot me, whom I have
12 sincerely forgiven”; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Pope John Paul II was an inspiration to billions of people
14 worldwide; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Pope John Paul II was a particular inspiration to the people
16 of Guam, who he visited in 1981; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as a linguist, Pope John Paul II touched the lives of people
18 by preaching to them in their own native tongues; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Pope John Paul II literally changed the history of the World
20 and will be remembered as one of the giants of the past one hundred years;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, commemorate the outstanding life and
24 achievements of Pope John Paul II, and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
2 on behalf of the people of Guam, request *I Maga'lahren Guahan* to decree an
3 official state of mourning shall exist in Guam for a period of nine (9) days
4 subsequent to the passing of Pope John Paul II and that all official flags shall
5 be flown at half-staff during such period, and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
7 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
8 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Cardinal
9 Chamberlain, Eduardo Cardinal Martinez Somalo; and to the Honorable Felix
10 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 4th
DAY OF APRIL 2005.**

MARK FORBES
Speaker and
Chairman, Executive Committee

EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature