

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation, also known as the Island's Public Television Station, KGTF-TV Channel 12 on the occasion of its thirty-fifth (35th) Anniversary Celebration; and to thanking the station's dedicated employees, management and Board of Trustees for their service and commitment throughout the years.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, thirty-five (35) years ago, on October 30, 1970, Television
4 Broadcasting on Guam reached a significant milestone when public television
5 KGTF-TV Channel 12 signed on for the very first time; and

6 **WHEREAS**, operating on a frequency assigned by the Federal
7 Communications Commission (FCC) and broadcasting from a 150-foot tower
8 in its Mangilao compound, the Station has been providing programming that
9 educates, informs, and entertains the people of Guam for three and one half
10 (3.5) decades; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order 70-6 created the Guam
12 Telecommunications Commission, which was the licensee and operator of
13 Television Station KGTF, the call sign on the license issued by the FCC; and

14 **WHEREAS**, four (4) years later in 1974, the Twelfth (12th) Guam
15 Legislature passed Public Law 12-194 on July 1, 1975, creating a non-profit,
16 public corporation known today as the Guam Educational
17 Telecommunications Corporation and creating a seven (7) member Board of
18 Trustees and Station Manager to oversee the operations of KGTF-TV Channel
19 12; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Station was initially funded by a One Hundred and
21 Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$150,000) grant from the United States Department of
22 Health, Education and Welfare, matched by a Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000)
23 appropriation from the Government of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, today, funding surpasses the \$1 million mark, of which
2 Government of Guam provides approximately forty-three percent (43%) of
3 operational costs that ensures the payment of government employees, utilities
4 and part of the programming rights from Public Broadcasting System; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and private
6 donations account for the remaining forty-seven percent (47%) of KGTF's
7 funding; and

8 **WHEREAS**, for KGTF to continue to receive its Community Service
9 Grant, matching non-federal funds must be raised annually, making local
10 donations essential to assist in paying for other expenses, including the
11 funding of PBS programming rights costs; and

12 **WHEREAS**, today, KGTF is staffed with twenty-one (21) professional
13 employees who average ten (10) years of service, all of whom ensure public
14 broadcasting for seventeen (17) to eighteen (18) hours daily; and

15 **WHEREAS**, KGTF produces high quality documentaries, regular series,
16 specials, public service announcements, live specials including
17 teleconferencing, the annual Liberation Day Parade, programs on issues
18 affecting our island, and programs that showcase the talents of the island
19 community in numerous local plays and presentations; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in addition to KGTF-TV Channel 12's own portrait of
21 Guam's series, Academic Challenge Bowl, Buhay Pinoy, and Man, Land &
22 Sea, KGTF-TV Channel 12 is known as the only local source for Award-
23 Winning PBS programs such as Sesame Street, Masterpiece Theatre, NOVA,

1 and NATURE, as well as other programs that spark the interest of both young
2 and mature viewers alike; now, therefore, be it


3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate KGTF-TV
5 Channel 12 on the occasion of its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Anniversary Celebration;
6 and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
8 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
9 thereafter transmitted to KGTF-TV Channel 12; and to the Honorable Felix P.
10 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2005.**



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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