

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
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**Resolution No. 118 (EC)**

As amended on the Floor.

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

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

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

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

7           **WHEREAS**, U.S. Public Law 108-88 made the following outstanding  
8 government of Guam federal obligations eligible for debt relief consideration  
9 by President George W. Bush as follows:

10           (a) One Hundred Five Million Dollars (\$105,000,000) owed  
11 by the Guam Telephone Authority to the U.S. Department  
12 of Agriculture for telephone infrastructure  
13 improvements;

14           (b) Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) owed by the Guam  
15 Waterworks Authority to the U.S. Department of the  
16 Navy for water consumption;

17           (c) Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) owed by the Guam  
18 Community College to the U.S. Department of Education  
19 for the construction of a student housing facility; and

20           (d) Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) owed by the  
21 government of Guam in local matching funds to the  
22 Department of Homeland Security for Typhoon *Chata'an*

1 (FEMA1426DR), and Supertyphoon *Pongsona*  
2 (FEMA1446DR) disaster assistance; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Governor Felix P. Camacho has determined that more than  
4 \$60.5 Million Dollars of federal obligations identified for debt relief by the  
5 government of Guam should be reconsidered as follows:

6 (a) Three Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Two Hundred  
7 Twenty-three Dollars (\$393,223) to the U.S.  
8 Department of Agriculture;

9 (b) Ten Million Eighty-three Thousand One Hundred  
10 Seventy-two Dollars (\$10,083,172) to the U.S.  
11 Department of Defense;

12 (c) One Million Nine Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Nine  
13 Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$1,931,985) to the U.S.  
14 Department of Education;

15 (d) Six Million Five Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Six  
16 Hundred Seventy-six Dollars (\$6,571,676) to the U.S.  
17 Department of Health and Human Services;

18 (e) Twenty-four Million Six Hundred Ten Thousand  
19 Twenty-five Dollars (\$24,610,025) to the U.S.  
20 Department of Homeland Defense–Federal Emergency  
21 Management Agency;

- 1 (f) Five Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Two Hundred  
2 Seventy-five Dollars (\$598,275) to the U.S. Department of  
3 Justice;
- 4 (g) Nine Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Seven Hundred  
5 Seventy Dollars (\$971,770) to the U.S. Department of  
6 Labor;
- 7 (h) Fourteen Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine  
8 Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$14,260,923) to the U.S.  
9 Department of Interior;
- 10 (i) Six Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Eight Hundred  
11 Seventy-seven Dollars (\$665,877) to the U.S.  
12 Department of Transportation; and
- 13 (j) Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Nineteen Dollars  
14 (\$420,019) to the U.S. Environmental Protection  
15 Agency; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Governor Felix P. Camacho will be traveling to  
17 Washington, D.C. to request that these amounts be presented to the Bush  
18 Administration Officials in a February 28, 2006 meeting of the Interagency  
19 Group on Insular Areas; now, therefore, be it

20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
21 on behalf of the people of Guam, express its support to Governor Felix P.

1 Camacho in his efforts to seek debt relief from the federal government; and be  
2 it further


3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
4 on behalf of the people of Guam, petition the Bush Administration to revisit  
5 and approve the debt relief request submitted by Governor Felix P. Camacho  
6 and endorsed by the United States Congress in Public Law 108-88; and be it  
7 further

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
9 on behalf of the people of Guam, request that the Bush Administration  
10 provide equity to the people of Guam in the review of this request; and be it  
11 further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
13 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
14 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the  
15 United States of America; to the Honorable Richard Cheney, Vice President of  
16 the United States of America; to the Honorable Gale Norton, Secretary of the  
17 U.S. Department of Interior; to Director Joshua Bolten of the Office of  
18 Management and Budget; to the head of the White House Office of  
19 Intergovernmental Affairs; to Deputy Assistant Secretary David Cohen of the  
20 U.S. Department of Interior; to the Honorable Richard W. Pombo, Chairman  
21 of the Committee on Resources, United States House of Representatives; to


1 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Member of Congress, U.S. House of  
2 Representatives; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006.**



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker



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**JOANNE M.S. BROWN**  
Vice Speaker and  
Acting Secretary of the Legislature