

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to honoring and extending a sincere *Un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'åse'* to the Honorable Joanne M. Salas Brown for her invaluable service to the people of Guam following six (6) consecutive terms as a member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to further recognizing her for the outstanding contributions she has made in safeguarding Guam's natural resources for this and future generations.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown is the daughter of James
4 Albert and Rosita Salas Brown of Pago Bay. Born and raised on Guam, Vice-

1 Speaker Brown's grandparents are the late Maria Ignacio Perez and Jesus
2 Lujan Salas and Mariete Geary and James Albert Brown, Sr.; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown graduated as an honor
4 student from Notre Dame High School in 1983 and later graduated as the
5 Valedictorian and Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in
6 Political Science from the University of Guam (UOG) in 1987. While a student
7 at UOG, she was the first youth representative to be elected to two
8 consecutive terms as the Youth Speaker of the Tenth and Eleventh Guam
9 Youth Congresses. Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown also received her Master
10 of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in
11 1988; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown began her public service
13 career in 1989 as a Staff Assistant to Governor Joseph F. Ada and also served
14 as the Executive Director of the Guam War Reparations Commission. In 1991,
15 she was appointed Deputy Administrator of the Guam Environmental
16 Protection Agency (GEPA), the youngest person and first female to serve in
17 that capacity. In addition to her duties at GEPA, Vice-Speaker Brown returned
18 to the University of Guam as an adjunct instructor of Political Science under
19 UOG's College of Arts and Sciences; and

20 **WHEREAS,** as a freshman senator in *I Mina'Bente Tres Na Liheslaturan*
21 *Guåhan*, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown served as a member of several

1 Committees including: Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Environmental Affairs;
2 Education; and Tourism and Transportation; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during *I Mina Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, Vice-
4 Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown served as Legislative Secretary and Chairperson
5 of the Committee on Natural Resources, having oversight of the Guam
6 Waterworks Authority, Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the
7 Aquatic and Wildlife Division of the Department of Agriculture. Vice-Speaker
8 Brown served as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism, Economic
9 Development and Cultural Affairs, and as a member of the following
10 Committees: Finance and Taxation; Rules; Government Reform and Federal
11 Affairs; Education; Judiciary, Public Safety and Consumer Protection; and
12 Transportation, Telecommunications and Micronesian Affairs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown has been a member of the
14 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), a regional legislative body
15 with representative membership from throughout Micronesia, for the past
16 five years, and is currently serving her second term as the association's
17 president. Vice-Speaker Brown previously served as APIL Vice-President
18 from 2003 to 2004, Secretary in 2002 to 2003 and Treasurer during the 2001 to
19 2002.

20 **WHEREAS**, Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown's contributions in
21 protecting Guam's natural resources include the authorship of dozens of laws

1 aimed at ensuring more efficient public utility agencies, improving Guam's air
2 and water quality, and protecting Guam's natural resources; and

3 **WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2006, Vice-Speaker and Chairperson of the
4 Committee on Natural Resources and Utilities, Joanne M.S. Brown, will
5 complete her sixth term as a member of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, leaving behind
6 a legacy that will be remembered through the preservation of Guam's natural
7 resources and unique culture; and, safeguarding the quality of life for this and
8 future generations; now, therefore, be it

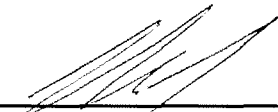
9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
10 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown, on
11 the occasion of her departure from *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and further
12 recognize her many years dedicated to protecting Guam's natural
13 environment; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
15 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter transmitted to Honorable Vice-Speaker Joanne M.S. Brown; to Mr.
17 and Mrs. James Albert and Rosita Salas Brown; to Speaker Mark Forbes; and
18 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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