

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 23 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the International Women's Group organization on its celebration of the "International Women's Day" on March 8, 2005, and to extending a heartfelt "*Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse*" for its contributions to our society and its international recognition, thus giving the women of our community the recognition, respect, admiration and equality they so justly deserve.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the "International Women's Day" is an occasion marked by
4 women's group around the world. It is a day also commemorated at the

1 United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday.
2 When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by
3 ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences come together to
4 celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least
5 nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development; and

6 **WHEREAS**, International Women’s Day is the story of ordinary women
7 as makers of history; it is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to
8 participate in society on an equal footing with men. This idea of International
9 Women’s Day arose at the turn of the century, which in the industrialized
10 world was a period of expansion and turbulence, booming population growth
11 and radical ideologies; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of
13 America, the first National Women’s Day was observed across the United
14 States on February 28, 1909, and women continued to celebrate it on the last
15 Sunday of that month through 1913; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1910, the Socialist International meeting in Copenhagen,
17 established a Women’s Day, international in character, to honor the
18 movement for women’s rights and to assist in achieving universal suffrage for
19 women. The proposal was greeted with unanimous approval by the
20 conference of over one hundred (100) women from seventeen (17) countries,
21 which included the first three women elected to the Finnish parliament; and

22 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the decision taken at Copenhagen the
23 previous year, International Women’s Day was marked for the first time on
24 March 19, 1911, in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, where more
25 than one million women and men attended rallies. In addition to the right to

1 vote and to hold public office, they demanded the right to work, to vocational
2 training and to an end to discrimination on the job; and

3 **WHEREAS**, since those early years, International Women’s Day has
4 assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing
5 countries alike. The growing international women’s movement, which has
6 been strengthened by four global United Nations women’s conferences, has
7 helped make the commemoration a rallying point for coordinated efforts to
8 demand women’s rights and participation in the political and economic
9 process. International Women’s Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to
10 call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary
11 women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women’s
12 rights; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
14 on behalf of the people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the
15 International Women’s group on its celebration of “International Women’s
16 Day” on March 8, 2005, and does extend a heartfelt “*Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os*
17 *Ma’åse*” for their contributions to our society and their international
18 recognition; thus giving the women in our community the recognition,
19 respect, admiration and equality they so justly deserve; and be it further

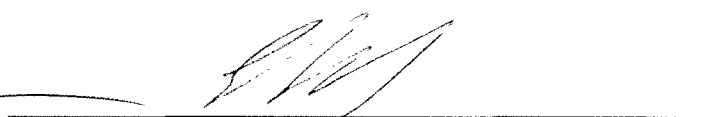
20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
22 thereafter transmitted to the Filipina Ladies Association of Guam; to the
23 Chinese Women’s Association; to the Korean Women’s Association; to the
24 Guam Counsel of Women’s Club; to the American Association of University
25 Women; to the Family Readiness Group, Guam Army National Guard; to the

- 1 Soroptimist International; to the Guam Women's Club; to the Honorable F.
- 2 Philip Carbullido, Chief Justice of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
- 3 Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the
- 4 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2005.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



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