

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 29 (LS)

As amended on the Floor.

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Relative to recognizing every Friday as “*I Ha’ånen I Antin Chamorro*” or “*Chamorro Spirit Day*”.

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

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan* and *I*
4 *Mina'Bente Ocho Na Lihesturan Guåhan*, working with the *Åñon Fino' Chamorro*
5 *yan Kottura* Executive Committee and the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs,
6 have by executive proclamation and legislative resolution, declared this year
7 “*Åñon Fino' Chamorro yan Kottura - Inina Deskubre yan Setbisiu* - The Year of the

1 *Chamorro Language and Culture 2005 - Enlightenment, Discovery and*
2 *Service*"; and

3 **WHEREAS**, for years the government of Guam, the private sector,
4 countless thousands of school children, and other cultures have participated
5 in previous "*Chamorro Week*", and "*Chamorro Month*" events; and

6 **WHEREAS**, annually it is recognized that during these occasions the
7 *Chamorro* language, heritage, and culture be honored and celebrated; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the *Chamorro* people are blessed with a rich history
9 scientifically dating back approximately four thousand (4,000) years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, many aspects of the *Chamorro* culture are still being
11 discovered in historic documents, and the study of artifacts, ancient remains,
12 and villages; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a vestige of the ancient *Chamorro* language still exists today
14 despite hundreds of years of external influence from the Spanish, Americans,
15 and Japanese; and

16 **WHEREAS**, thousands of indigenous cultures around the world are
17 rapidly being affected by globalization through the aggressive evolution of
18 new information technologies; and

19 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* also wishes to
20 assist in the promotion, perpetuation, protection, and preservation of the
21 *Chamorro* language, arts, heritage, and culture; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
23 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize every Friday as "*I Ha'ånen I Antin*
24 *Chamorro*" or "*Chamorro Spirit Day*"; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan*
2 *Guåhan* shall recognize every Friday as “*I Ha'ånen I Antin Chamorro*” or
3 “*Chamorro Spirit Day*” and encourage all legislative employees and the
4 Members of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* and forthcoming
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* to carry out the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* during this
7 day, encourages *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*, the government of Guam, the private
8 sector, and private and public school students to speak to or greet others
9 using the *Chamorro* language, visit institutions that promote the *Chamorro*
10 culture, recite the *Inifresi*, sing the Guam Hymn, play *Chamorro* music, cook or
11 eat *Chamorro* cuisine, purchase *Chamorro* goods and products, prominently
12 display the Guam flag, and to wear or display items representing the
13 *Chamorro* culture. These items include the *sinahi* or new moon pendant or
14 *Spondylus* shell. The *sinahi* pendant is made from *hima* or the giant clamshell
15 and is now being replicated by contemporary *Chamorro* artists. The *sinahi*
16 pendant was worn by ancient *Chamorro* men who were *Maga'låhi* or leaders
17 who were of the noble caste known as the *Matao*. To many, the pendant
18 symbolizes the new moon or the main hull of the *galaide* or outrigger canoe.
19 *Maga'Håga* or women leaders of the *Matao* caste valued the orange colored
20 *Spondylus* shell and traded it or wore it as jewelry. Some believe the color
21 signifies Guam's ancestral connection to Asia. The rarity of the shell, the
22 condition of the shell, how the shell was obtained, and the amount of the
23 shells gathered all add to the worth of the shell or shells. People are
24 encouraged to wear the color orange in recognition of the *Spondylus* shell and

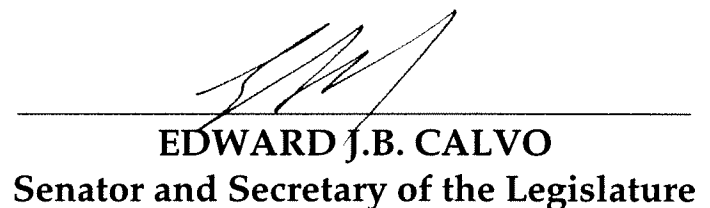
1 its link to our forefathers. People are also encouraged to wear the colors
2 white, black, and red, colors which were used to paint the ancient *galaide* or
3 *sakman* or ocean sailing outrigger canoe; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* recognizes
5 that there are hundreds of other ways to appropriately show pride in the
6 *Chamorro* culture and all cannot be listed but it is our hope that the island
7 accepts every Friday as a day to promote and honor the *Chamorro* culture. It is
8 through this weekly recognition and celebration that we hope the *Chamorro*
9 spirit will permeate the other days of the calendar and continue through the
10 years to come; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
12 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
13 thereafter transmitted to the Guam Chamber of Commerce; to the Guam
14 Hotel and Restaurant Association; to the Guam Visitors Bureau; to the *Åñion*
15 *Fino' Chamorro yan Kottura* Executive Committee; to the Division of *Chamorro*
16 Studies and Special Projects within the Department of Education; to the
17 Department of *Chamorro* Affairs; to the University of Guam's Center of
18 Excellence for *Chamorro* Language and Culture; to the Guam Education Policy
19 Board; to the Superintendent of Education; and to the Honorable Felix P.
20 Camacho, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2005.**


MARK FORBES
Speaker


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