

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
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**Resolution No. 3(LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to recognizing and commending President Daisaku Ikeda of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), Kaneko Ikeda and the world-wide members of Soka Gakkai International on their tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world peace and to congratulating the Soka Gakkai International on its 30th Anniversary of "SGI Day" and the "Second Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference".**

- 1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**  
2 **GUÅHAN:**  
3        **WHEREAS, Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is a lay Buddhist**  
4 **association with more than twelve million (12,000,000) members in one**

1 hundred ninety (190) countries and territories worldwide, sharing a common  
2 vision for a better world by promoting peace through culture and education;  
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, since 1983, SGI has been accredited as a Non-governmental  
5 Organization (NGO) by the United Nations, and with its status as a NGO, SGI  
6 has worked tirelessly to encourage harmony and coexistence between nations;  
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, SGI was founded on *Islan Guåhan* on January 26, 1975, with  
9 one hundred fifty-eight (158) delegates from fifty-one (51) countries attending  
10 this auspicious occasion, to begin the grassroots activities of peace, education  
11 and culture, based on the humanistic outlook of Nichiren Buddhism; and

12 **WHEREAS**, *Islan Guåhan* was chosen as the venue to conduct the first  
13 World Peace Conference, given that a century of peace should begin from  
14 *Islan Guåhan* which suffered so terribly from the ravages of war; and

15 **WHEREAS**, during the conference SGI members nominated Mr.  
16 Daisaku Ikeda as the new president, at which time Mr. Ikeda called upon the  
17 members of SGI to devote their lives to planting seeds of peace throughout the  
18 world; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding  
20 of SGI, the First Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference was held  
21 on *Islan Guåhan*, in which the participants adopted a resolution expressing the  
22 fundamental principles of human equality and the inherent dignity of life; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Ikeda, whose belief is that only through that personal  
24 interaction and dialogue across cultural and philosophical boundaries can

1 human beings nurture trust and understanding that is fundamental for lasting  
2 peace; and

3       **WHEREAS**, upholding this ideal, Mr. Ikeda has traveled extensively  
4 meeting with the world’s thinkers, policymakers and scholars promoting the  
5 fundamental rights of humankind and the ideals of peace, culture, and  
6 education; and

7       **WHEREAS**, January 26, 2005, is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of  
8 SGI, and in celebration SGI-USA will be sponsoring “World Peace” events on  
9 *Islan Guåhan*; and

10       **WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2005, at the Governor’s Conference Room,  
11 Guam, SGI-USA will host an exhibition entitled, “Building a Culture of Peace  
12 for the Children of the World”; and

13       **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Resort, Guam, SGI-  
14 USA will host the Second Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference  
15 for educators focusing on “Humanistic Education: Fostering a Culture of  
16 Peace”; and

17       **WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2005, at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor’s  
18 Complex, Guam, SGI-USA will host a festival celebrating “Diverse Culture”;  
19 and

20       **WHEREAS**, on January 17 through 21, 2005, at the University of Guam,  
21 R. F. K Library, and on January 24 through 28, 2005, at the Guam Community  
22 College, SGI-USA; the Indian Community of Guam; the African-American  
23 Heritage Committee; the United States Military community; Dr. Marilyn  
24 Jackson; the Association for Childhood Education; the University of Guam;

1 Ms. Claudette McGhee, Martin L. King Human Rights Commission; and the  
2 Guam Community College will be hosting the exhibition of the “Gandhi,  
3 King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, November 18, 2005, will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soka  
5 Gakkai’s founding; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
7 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate President  
8 Daisaku Ikeda of Soka Gakkai International and Kaneko Ikeda for their many  
9 far-reaching and humanistic efforts to promote world peace and human  
10 rights; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
12 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the world-wide  
13 members of Soka Gakkai International on its tireless efforts and dedication in  
14 promoting world peace, and does hereby congratulate the Soka Gakkai  
15 International on its 30th Anniversary of “SGI Day” and the “Second Pacific  
16 Islands New Millennium Peace Conference” to be held on January 14, 2005, on  
17 Guam; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
19 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
20 thereafter transmitted to President Daisaku Ikeda of Soka Gakkai  
21 International (SGI); to Kaneko Ikeda; to SGI-USA; to Guam SGI; to the Indian  
22 Community of Guam; to the African-American Heritage Committee; to the  
23 U.S. Military Community; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson; to the Association for  
24 Childhood Education; to the University of Guam; to Ms. Claudette McGhee,

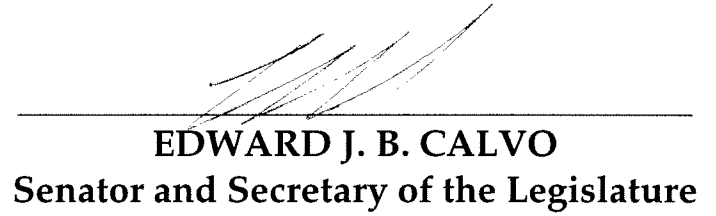
- 1 Martin Luther King Human Rights Commission; to Guam Community
- 2 College; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2005.**



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**MARK FORBES**  
Speaker



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