

**I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 9(LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to commending the Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, Santo Nino De Maligaya and Marian Movement, and the Society of Jesus Associations, on their joint commemoration of their Patron Saint, Santo Nino (Pit Sinor), by way of Sinulog, Ati-atihan, Dinagyang, and Dance fan signifying the act of thanksgiving for the blessing and graces bestowed by the Santo Nino, and to extending a "*dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse*" to Joe Pono, Cebu Association; Bernie Teberio, Aklan Association; Elmer Sardoma, Iloilo Association; Tony Olidan, Santo Nino De Maligaya; and to Winnie Martinez, Marian Movement; for their initiative in bringing such tradition to Guam.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, on April 28, 1565, Juan Camus, a sailor in Legaspi's Fleet,  
4 found in the modest house located in the former Village of Cebu the image of  
5 Santo Nino which at the time all agreed had been brought by Spanish  
6 conquerors from Europe; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the image had a little skirt and a cap, two (2) of its fingers  
8 on its right hand raised in a gesture of blessing, while the left hand held a  
9 globe, symbolizing the World; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the wedding ceremony of Princess Isabela of Spain and  
11 Maestro Andres, a Greek Carpenter, is re-enacted annually during the feast of  
12 Santo Nino of Cebu and is jubilantly celebrated with dances and fireworks to  
13 recall the happiness and good omen brought about to the Cebuanos by the  
14 marriage of Isabela and Andres; and

15          **WHEREAS**, when the Spaniards arrived in Cebu, Ferdinand Magellan  
16 offered to Hara Amihan, wife of Rajah Humabon, King of Cebu, the image of  
17 the Santo Nino. The natives preserved the Sinulog as their cultural dance,  
18 limited only to honoring the Santo Nino, and continue to perform the Sinulog  
19 in front of churches while devotees offer candles and dancers shout "Pit  
20 Sinor" amidst the vibrant variations of uniforms representing different motifs  
21 and meanings for the hope of positive change and for the relief of many kinds  
22 of illnesses, personal trials, and tribulations; and

23          **WHEREAS**, during the annual feast of the Santo Nino, the Basilica  
24 holding the mass is usually filled with people dancing after the solemn

1 celebration with the devotees executing the Sinulog. The dance continues  
2 during the procession in front of the corroza, which bears the statue along the  
3 streets of Cebu, and upon arriving at the plaza each contingent shows a  
4 variety of exposition and exhibition, each signifying the ways of imploring  
5 assistance; and

6         **WHEREAS**, Iloilo celebrates the feast in honor of Santo Nino every third  
7 Saturday of January in the Philippines with the untiring sounds of the drum  
8 beats with implications patented after the Aklan's Ati-atihan; and

9         **WHEREAS**, this is the fourth time in the history of the Santo Nino fiesta  
10 in Guam, that the five (5) aforementioned Filipino organizations celebrate  
11 together the feast of Santo Nino as suggested by Cardinal Vidal of Cebu, who  
12 was responsible for bringing the image of the Santo Nino as a gift to the Most  
13 Reverend Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM. Cap., DD, and to the Archdiocese of  
14 *Hagåtña*, Guam; and

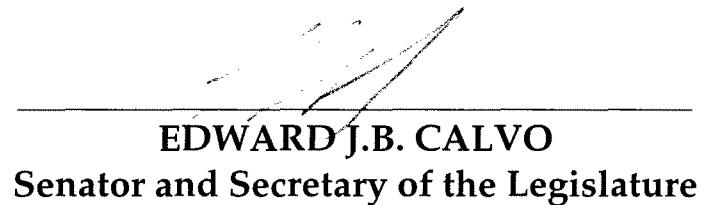
15         **WHEREAS**, Santo Nino is the comforter of the first missionaries in the  
16 Philippines; now, therefore, be it

17         **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
18 on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, Santo  
19 Nino De Maligaya and Marian Movement, and the Society of Jesus  
20 Associations on the joint commemoration of their Patron Saint, Santo Nino,  
21 and does further extend a "*dångkolo na si Yu'os ma'åse'*" to the aforementioned  
22 organizations for their initiative in bringing such tradition to Guam; and be it  
23 further

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
3 thereafter transmitted to the Presidents of the Cebu, Aklan, Iloilo, Santo Nino  
4 De Maligaya and Marian Movement, and the Society of Jesus Associations; to  
5 the Philippine Consulate General Office of Guam; and to the Honorable Felix  
6 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 4<sup>TH</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