

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to congratulating and commending the Pacific Association of Land Professionals (PALP) on their 3rd Annual Regional Conference and for their accomplishments during their 1st and 2nd Regional Conferences.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:**
2 **WHEREAS**, PALP was formally established in March 2003 during the First Regional
3 Conference held in Koror, the Republic of Palau. The Second Regional Conference was
4 subsequently held in 2006. Both conferences were highly successful and productive; and
5 **WHEREAS**, PALP was established to foster communications within the Pacific
6 region surveying, mapping, and geographic information systems professional communities
7 for the purposes of enhancing technical information exchanges, discussing common
8 problems along with shared potential solutions, encouraging elementary, high school,
9 college level, and continuing education pursuits in land tenure applications, serving as a
10 forum for the promotion and understanding of PALP related professions and their benefits
11 and contributions for the general public and all governmental entities, promoting ethical
12 standards of professional practice, building a permanent foundation for colleague contacts
13 for consideration of matters of Pacific-wide interest, and emphasizing high quality services
14 of the professions for the welfare of all Pacific island citizens and residents; and
15 **WHEREAS**, members of PALP consist of government officials and private persons
16 of the Republic of Palau, all four states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Territory
17 of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the
18 Marshall Islands, American Samoa, the State of Hawaii, officials of the Department of the
19 Interior, the U.S. National Geodetic Surveys, U.S. Oceanographic and Atmospheric
20 Administration, and private entrepreneurs from the continental U.S. and the Philippines;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, just like the first and second conference, PALP has garnered the continued
2 financial support of the U.S. Department of Interior to secure distinguished presenters from
3 abroad who are renown in their respective fields to continue their participation in the
4 association's future annual regional conferences; and WHEREAS, the primary goals of
5 PALP are wide and complex, however, some of the most outstanding objectives are to meet
6 periodically with our neighbor island nations to exchange our wealth of knowledge and
7 experience in the various approaches taken for the resolution of unique land problems and
8 issues; Exchange knowledge of procedures taken, appropriate uses, care and operation of
9 advanced technological equipment such as GPS, GIS, total station instruments, robotic
10 surveying, AutoCAD computers, and other technologies; and the development of
11 communication in order to attract members from other South Pacific Nations to invite them
12 into the Association; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the first regional conference, which was held in the Republic of Palau
14 March 10th through 14th, 2003, was first of its kind held by and for the Pacific Island
15 Professional community and the highlights are as follows; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the conference opened communications and discussions of common
17 problems among the participants which included representatives from American
18 Samoa, CNMI, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Republics of the Marshall
19 Islands and Palau, and Mainland United States; and

20 **WHEREAS**, by virtue of having the conference at one place at one time,
21 presentations covering technical advancements in equipment, software, and modern
22 techniques and methods reached out to a usually widely dispersed geographic audience
23 thus allowing better use of available educational, training, and seminar types of resources;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, high level expertise in complex technical and legal subjects was made
26 available by bringing in respected professors and subject matter specialists from "outside"

1 sources and the educational experiences and opportunities of young Pacific Islanders were
2 shared with those who may want to seek careers in the geometric sciences; and

3 **WHEREAS**, one-on-one time with the conference instructors and presenters was
4 made available to the attendees for assistance with unique problems such as Global
5 Positioning System (GPS) receivers and total station instrument malfunctions existing at
6 their home bases; and

7 **WHEREAS**, unanimous consensus of conference participants was resolved for
8 continuing additional conferences and for forming a Pacific-wide professional association;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the second regional conference was also held in the Republic of Palau
11 March 13th through 18th, 2006, and realized all of the same benefits of the First Conference;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the highlights of the second conference are; the hands-on training for
14 modern field survey equipment and software use in a lab environment was emphasized by
15 dedicating more time to practical exercises and one-on-one consultations and commercial
16 sources (company expert representatives) presented exposure to their products and
17 provided specialized assistance with instrument and software applications; and

18 **WHEREAS**, an opportunity for “distance learning” education in surveying courses
19 offered by Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado, was outlined by Professor Dr.
20 Herbert Stoughton and PALP was confirmed by all the conference participants as a valid
21 organization to represent their professions; and

22 **WHEREAS**, The Third Regional Conference is now set for March 17th through 20th,
23 2008 at Guam Community College and looking forward for another successful conference;
24 now, therefore, be it

