

I MINA 'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 119 (LS)

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH,
2008 AS *MES CHAMORRO* (CHAMORRO MONTH), AND
RECOGNIZING THE CHAMORRO STUDIES PROGRAM OF
THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ITS
COLLABORATORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
PRESERVATION OF THE CHAMORRO CULTURE.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA BENTE' NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*Abiba I ManChamoru, Antes, Pã'go yan I Mamaila, Honor and Celebrate the Chamorros of the Past, Present and Future*", compels all who call Guam home to learn about its leaders of the past and present, and exalt them for their strength and wisdom in recognizing the importance of revitalizing the Chamorro identity; and

WHEREAS, these leaders should be recognized for their individual and collective efforts to sustain our ancestral heritage from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, the Chamorro culture continues to exist through its music, dance, storytelling and traditional crafts, and the Chamorros, although rich in the arts, crafts and social skills face losing their language and cultural lifestyle through the European and American influences; and

WHEREAS, it becomes the responsibility of today's leaders to encourage and educate our children about our heritage, and by doing so make them the leaders of the future; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the efforts of the Chamorro Studies Teachers and the Chamorro Studies Division of the Guam Public School System be acknowledged as the vanguards who have dedicated their efforts to emphasizing the significance of perpetuating the Chamorro language, and by extension of language and culture within the Guam's Public Schools and within the community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it is also worthy to acknowledge the strong partnerships created by the
2 Department of Chamorro Affairs, the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency with its
3 collaborators, the University of Guam, the Guam Visitors Bureau, and all of Guam's community
4 organizations that continue to carry out the mission to protect, preserve, perpetuate and promote the
5 Chamorro language and culture not only during Chamorro Month but every day; and

6 **WHEREAS**, all of the people of Guam are encouraged to attend as many of the planned
7 activities as possible so that they can be more attuned to the Chamorro culture and knowledgeable of
8 its roots and evolution; now therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
10 the people of Guam, declare the month of March, 2008 as *Mes Chamorro* (Chamorro Month); and be
11 it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
13 the people of Guam, acknowledge the Chamorro Language and Culture Teachers and the Chamorro
14 Studies and Special Projects Division of the Guam Public School System for their unwavering
15 devotion to the perpetuation of the Chamorro language and culture; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of
17 the people of Guam, salute all of the many collaborators who have assisted in the development of
18 activities and events to promote the Chamorro language and culture, have made possible attractions
19 at which examples of the Chamorro culture may be viewed; and have developed literature for the
20 teaching and learning of the Chamorro language and culture to Guam's students and community; and
21 be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
23 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to: Mr. Luis S.N. Reyes,
24 Superintendent, Guam Public School System; to Mr. Ronald T. Laguana, Administrator, Chamorro
25 Studies Division; Mr. Juan B. Chaco, GPSS 2008 Chairperson Chamorro Month Central Planning
26 Committee Representative; to Ms. Sylvia M. Flores, Acting Director, Department of Chamorro
27 Affairs; to Mr. Patrick R. Bamba, Acting Director, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities
28 Agency; to Dr. Helen J.D. Whippy, Interim President, University of Guam; to Mr. Gerald S.A.
29 Perez, General Manager, Guam Visitors Bureau; to Ms. Linda T. Reyes, Chief Executive Officer,
30 Pa'a Taotao Tano'; and, to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN*
GUÁHAN ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 2008.**

RAY TENORIO
Acting Speaker

JESSE M.A. LUJAN
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature