

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE SOROPTOMIST INTERNATIONAL OF GUAM ON
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING THEIR
EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND
GIRLS ON GUAM, THE PACIFIC, AND THE WORLD.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
2 MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Soroptimist International is a worldwide organization
4 for women in management and professions, working through service projects
5 to advance human rights and the status of women, with over 90,000 members
6 in more than 3,000 clubs in 126 countries and territories.; and

7 WHEREAS, Soroptimists are women who use the special expertise and
8 management skills developed in their working life to advance the status of
9 women and make the world a better place.; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the first Soroptomist club was founded in Oakland,
2 California by Violet Richardson-Ward in 1921, followed by clubs established
3 throughout Europe, Australia and other countries and has been granted
4 General Consultive Status by the United Nations Economic and Social
5 Council; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International is committed to providing
7 service to local, national, and international communities and actively
8 participation in decision-making at all levels of society; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam, founded thirty (30)
10 years ago, has grown to become one of the most significant civic organizations
11 on Guam providing guidance and expertise in improving the lives of women
12 and girls in our island community ; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam chartered the
14 Soroptomist International of the Marianas in 1986; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2000, the Soroptomist International of
16 Guam and the Soroptomist International of the Marianas established *Erica's*
17 *House*, a family visitation center that offers a safe place to pick up and drop off
18 children for exchange between parents; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam have established
20 programs such as the *Women's Opportunity Awards* which aids women, mainly
21 who are domestic abuse survivors and or single mothers, rebuild their lives
22 through funding for education and training, enabling them to upgrade their

1 employment status. The *Violet Richardson Award* was established to recognize
2 young women who make the community and the world a better place
3 through volunteer efforts. The *Making a Difference for Women's Award* program
4 acknowledges the women, who through their personal and professional
5 activities, work to improve the lives of other women and girls. ; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International Guam has also embarked on a
7 *Workplace Campaign to End Violence*, in which club members distributed cards
8 in the workplace that contains domestic violence hotline information; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam, counts many
10 distinguished women of Guam as its members, including Charter President
11 Ana San Nicolas, and Charter Members, Former Senator Pilar Lujan, Former
12 Senator and Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks, Ann Marie Roth, Edwina
13 Jose, and Grace Low; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the 2007-2008 Officers of the Soroptomist International of
15 Guam are; President - Chet B. Neri; 1st Vice President - Louise Lippert; 2nd
16 Vice President - Sheryl Simpkins; Secretary - Karen Carpenter; Treasurer -
17 Rena Borja; and Delegates - Lina McDonald and Edwina Jose; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the 2007-2008 Committee Chairpersons of the Soroptomist
19 International of Guam are; Maris Benito - Women's Opportunity Award;
20 Pilar Lujan - Violet Richardson Award; Prudence Denight - Making a
21 Difference for Women Award; Ann Marie Roth - Membership; Patricia
22 Taitano - Ways and Means; Rosemarie Cruz - Program Chair; Marie

1 McElligott - International Goodwill and Understanding; Christine Scott-Smith
2 - Public Relations/Awareness; Arlene Bordallo - 30th Anniversary Charter
3 Night; Donna Kloppenburg- Founder Region District VI Meeting; Ana San
4 Nicolas - Parliamentarian; Marie McElligott - Women's Art Show; Karen
5 Carpenter - Human Trafficking; Julie Smith - S Ventures; Monique Renay
6 Baysingar - Soroptomist Workplace Campaign; Patricia Taitano and Julie
7 Christina Rivera - 5K Run; Josephine Palomo - Health Committee; ; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guahan* hereby
10 commend and congratulate the Soroptomist International of Guam on their
11 30th Anniversary and recognize their efforts in improving the life of women
12 and girls on Guam, the Pacific, and the World, ; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of
14 the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of *I Liheslatura* attest to, the
15 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Chet
16 Neri, the 2007-2008 President of Soroptomist International of Guam, and the
17 rest of the 2007-2008 Officers of the Soroptomist International of Guam;
18 Machiko Yamada, Soroptomist International of the Americas President; and
19 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____
2007.**

Judith T. Won Pat. Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Muña-Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature