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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Continental Micronesia, Inc. on the occasion of its fortieth (40th) anniversary celebration of servicing Guam and the region, and to commending the Continental staff, management, and Board of Directors for their diligent and dedicated work, and for their many contributions to our island on this auspicious and historic occasion.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

2 **WHEREAS**, in 1968, Continental Micronesia Inc, was rooted on Guam as
3 Air Micronesia, but was known throughout the region as "Air Mike", and
4 inaugurated flights for Saipan-Honolulu with seven island stops in between; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Air Micronesia became an international airline in 1977 and
6 inaugurated its Guam-Manila service in 1982, and service to Brisbane and
7 Sydney, Australia in 1989, and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1990, Air Micronesia augmented its fleet with DC-10 and
9 B-727 aircraft and added service to Sapporo and Sendai, Japan, Taipei, Taiwan
10 and Seoul, Korea; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Air Micronesia began its service to Cebu, Philippines, while
12 adding Hong Kong to its list of Asia destinations in 1991; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Continental Air Micronesia received certification as
14 stand-alone Part 121 carrier Continental Micronesia Inc. (CMI), a leading regional
15 carrier for Asia and the Pacific; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia celebrated its 25th Anniversary in
17 1993 by extending long-range wide-body service across the Pacific with B-747s
18 operating on CMI Routes; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia became the first airline in the world
2 to be equipped and certified with GPS long-range equipment on a B-727 in 1996;
3 as well, the airline inaugurated a cooperative cargo freighter operation with
4 DHL, flying six (6) B-727 freighters, increasing the fleet to fifteen (15) aircraft
5 hubbing from a crew base in Manila to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Seoul, Taipei
6 and Hong Kong, while CAL 757 aircraft began operating from a Guam crew base
7 on CMI routes; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia displayed its resolve and
9 commitment to the island when it resumed flight service just three (3) days
10 following the destructive visit of Super Typhoon Paka in 1997 and opened its
11 new world-class President's Club in Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Continental Micronesia added the destinations of
13 Niigata and Okyama in Japan; Cairns, Australia and Noumea, New Caledonia;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, in addition to providing air service to and from Guam and
16 Micronesia, Continental Micronesia has flown many missions in the name of
17 humanity, i.e. in 1994, the airline ferried two thousand (2,000) Kurdish refugees to
18 the United States mainland via Guam; and in 1995, Air Mike flew five (5) B-727s
19 loaded with WWII veterans to Iwo Jima to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of
20 the historic battle; and

21 **WHEREAS**, ~~WHEREAS~~, in 1999, the CMI-DHL freighter venture comes to
22 an end, and Continental Airlines B-737-800 aircraft began operating on
23 Continental Micronesia routes and the phase-out of the familiar B-727s began;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, by 2000, the last Continental Micronesia B-727 was retired
26 from service and the following year a Continental Micronesia B-737 crew flew a
27 mission to rescue a U.S. Navy P-3 crew after release by the Chinese captors
28 following a mid-air collision with a Chinese fighter jet, forcing the Navy
29 surveillance aircraft to make an emergency landing on the island of Hainan; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Continental Micronesia replaced their DC-10s with
2 new 767 aircraft, and the following year ten (10) Continental Micronesia B-737-
3 800 aircraft were officially added to the CMI operating fleet; and

4 **WHEREAS**, despite the world’s difficult economic climate and downturn
5 in the challenges that come with a global economy, the Iraq war and other
6 calamities, Continental Micronesia today proudly celebrates its fortieth (40th)
7 year of service to Guam and Micronesia, the airline continues to show its
8 dedication and confidence in the future growth and prosperity of the region; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia, Inc. is the island’s largest private-
10 sector employer with over 1,500 people and operates 236 departures each week
11 between 23 cities; and

12 **WHEREAS**, over the years Continental Micronesia, Inc. has donated both
13 cash and in-kind assistance: e.g. nearly \$300,000 for super typhoon Pongsona
14 relief including: a \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross; \$12,000 in travel
15 assistance for PNI linemen; \$151,000 in travel assistance for 130 travel agents and
16 media for the Guam Visitor’s Bureau’s Super Fam program; and \$68,000 for its
17 employee assistance program; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia, Inc. provides service to 25 Asia-
19 Pacific destinations in 10 countries and operates 236 departures each week
20 between 23 cities from its hub in Guam, as well as connections to the U.S.
21 mainland via Narita and Honolulu; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia, Inc. flies to and from the following
23 airports: in Guam, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Air Terminal, in the
24 Northern Mariana Islands, the Saipan International Airports; in Micronesia, the
25 Federated States, the Chuuk International, Kosrae International, Pohnpei
26 International; and Yap International Airports; and in Palau, the Koror, Palau
27 International Airport; in Australia, Cairns International Airport; Southeast Asia,
28 in Manila, Philippines the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, in Denpasar,
29 Indonesia, Ngurah Rai Airport; in East Asia, China, the Hong Kong International
30 Airport; in Japan, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Nagoya, Chubu International, Niigata,

1 Okayama, Sapporo, New Chitose, Sendai, and the Tokyo, Narita International
2 Airports and in North America, Hawaii, the Honolulu International Airport; now
3 therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on behalf of
5 the people of Guam does hereby recognize and congratulate the Continental
6 Micronesia, Inc. community on the occasion of its fortieth (40th) anniversary
7 celebration of servicing Guam and the region; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby commend the
9 Continental staff, management, and Board of Directors of Continental
10 Micronesia, Inc. for their diligent and dedicated work and for their many
11 contributions to our island on this auspicious and historic occasion; and be it
12 further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
14 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
15 transmitted to Mr. Mark Erwin President and Chief Executive Officer,
16 Continental Micronesia, Inc.; to Mr. Larry Kellner, Chairman and Chief Executive
17 Officer, Continental Airlines, Inc.; to Mr. Gerald S.A. Perez, General Manager,
18 Guam Visitors Bureau; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate
19 to Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan*.

*DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ___ DAY OF _____ 2008.*

Judith T. Won Pat
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature