


**I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2008 (SECOND) Regular Session**

2008 APR 25 PM 12:10

Resolution No. 140 (LS)

Introduced by:

J. V. Espaldon 

com

Relative to recognizing and commemorating the month of May 2008 as Guam Museum Month and commending local community efforts to preserve Guam's rich and diverse history.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the month of May has been recognized as National
4 Museum Month by thousands of museum organizations, communities, and
5 states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for
6 more than two decades; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and The Guam
8 Museum Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task
9 Force, joins the American Association of Museums, a conglomerate of
10 members throughout the United States and its territories in commemorating
11 and celebrating the history and tradition of our ancestors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, our local community, together with museum officials, will
13 celebrate Guam Museum Month with the theme of "*I Hinana-ta*", The Journey of

1 **the Chamorro People**, to commemorate the contributions made by the Guam
2 Museum to the preservation of our heritage – culture, arts, and history - and
3 to the furtherance and understanding of the people of Guam; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and The Guam
5 Museum Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task
6 Force, joins the American Association of Museums, a conglomerate of
7 members throughout the United States and its territories in commemorating
8 and celebrating the history and tradition of our ancestors; and

9 **WHEREAS**, museums are the inheritors and guardians of the people’s
10 remnants and artifacts; and

11 **WHEREAS**, museums are promoters of culture, history, tradition, and
12 are centers of research for scholars, of education, as well as a resource for
13 schools, colleges, universities, libraries, and other institutions of learning; and

14 **WHEREAS**, museums enrich the quality of our communities, provide a
15 sense of place and offer enlightenment for younger generations; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Guam has seen a renewed interest in preserving the
17 island’s rich heritage and it is notable that our island’s landscape holds
18 several existing museum, as well as a few anticipated museum openings in
19 the near future, including the Guam Museum, the National Park Service War
20 in the Pacific Museum, the U’Zeum Children’s Discovery Museum of Guam,
21 the Pacific War Museum, the National Museum of the Dulce Nombre de
22 Maria Cathedral-Basilica, the Micronesian Area Research Center at the

1 University of Guam and the highly anticipated Guam Museum of Culture,
2 Arts, and History; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and the Guam
4 Museum Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task
5 Force together with the DFS Guam, Guam Museum, Department of Chamorro
6 Affairs, Department of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservations, Guam
7 Community College, Guam Preservation Trust, Guam Public School System,
8 Guam Visitors Bureau, Mayor's Council of Guam, the Chamorro Center and
9 Micronesia Area Research Center of the University of Guam, and all entities
10 established whose vision and mission and/or efforts are directly supportive of
11 Guam's preservation and promotion of history and culture hereby commit to
12 increasing public awareness of Guam's history and culture through its
13 leadership, advocacy, as well as further research and study programs through
14 continued development of partnerships with the educational institutions,
15 seeking recognition in commemorating, sharing and upholding the *I Hinana-ta*,
16 the journey of the Chamorro people;; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
18 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognizes and commemorates the month of May
19 2008 as **"Guam Museum Month, "I Hinana-ta", The Journey of the**
20 **Chamorro People"**, and encourages the people of Guam, local government
21 agencies, and interested private organizations to celebrate, promote, and
22 observe that month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs,

1 and to take action to preserve and promote the Guam Museum of Culture,
2 Arts, and History in our community; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee
4 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that
5 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Sylvia Flores, President, Department of
6 Chamorro Affairs; to Leona Young, Administrator, Guam Museum Foundation; to
7 MARC, University of Guam; to the National Park Service War in the Pacific
8 Museum; to Mr. John Gerber, Pacific War Museum; to Catherine Gayle, President,
9 Discovery Group of Guam; to the Very Reverend James L. G. Benavente, National
10 Museum of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica; and to the Honorable
11 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF I MINA 'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25th
DAY OF APRIL 2008.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature