

**I MINA'BENTE NUEBE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments of the Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc., established in 1984, recognized as a charter member of the National AARP in 1994 and to extend congratulate them during the second annual AARP Month, September 2007.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus and a group of founding directors
4 were members of the National Retired Teacher's Association incorporated
5 AARP on July 1, 1958 in Washington, D.C., then known as the American
6 Association of Retired Persons established as a national organization
7 representing the interests of older Americans; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Andrus, the Association's first president, approved the
9 application for recognition of the first AARP chapter in Youngstown, Arizona
10 in September 1960 with 100 chapters formed by the end of 1961. The Guam
11 Chapter 4837 organized in 1984 and chartered in 1994. Nationally AARP
12 comprises over 39 million members with more than 2,900 AARP chapters; and

13 **WHEREAS**, "To serve and not to be served" is the AARP motto whose
14 Chapter Bylaws, stress community service, an active and useful life, self-
15 actualization and development and a commitment to the ideals of AARP; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the chapter’s mission is to represent AARP at the local
2 level, providing a link between members, communities and the Association’s
3 programs and services who leadership and commitment to volunteerism is an
4 invaluable resource in strengthening the Association and making
5 communities better places to live and work for all people; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the chapter’s goals and objectives set across a range of
7 functions include **community service, leadership, communication,**
8 **recruitment, fellowship, advocacy and education.**

9 **WHEREAS**, the role of the Chapters is a legal, chartered entity of the
10 Association, a face and heart for AARP in the local community best expressed
11 in the words of the Association’s founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus: “*AARP has*
12 *promoted the initiation and development of local volunteer chapters...for those*
13 *members who favor the goals of individual growth and service to self, to fellow*
14 *members and to the community in general,*” and

15 **WHEREAS**, AARP began to standardize the various operating rules and
16 procedures for its chapters in the mid1960’s and in 1965 the AARP Board of
17 Directors developed the *AARP Chapter Bylaws*, an important step in unifying
18 the young organization into a viable national Association; and

19 **WHEREAS**, today’s AARP’s dynamic force would not have been
20 attained without its “three great goals” and the chapters’ participation
21 support. The “three great goals” identified by Mr. Bill Novelli, AARP
22 Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, for the Association, its units
23 and leaders are: **1. To be the most successful and acknowledged**
24 **organization in America for positive social change; 2) To deliver on our**
25 **promise to each member: to help them make their own choices, reach their**

1 goals and dreams, and make the most of life after 50; and 3) AARP will be
2 world leader in global aging; and

3 WHEREAS, AARP continues to adapt and grow as an organization built
4 on a history of understanding, representing and meeting the needs, shaping
5 and enriching the experience of aging for each member, for society at large
6 and as a direct link to the local community, AARP chapters remain well
7 positioned to play a vital role in the Association's ongoing success; and

8 WHEREAS, as AARP has grown, so have opportunities for service
9 within the Association. AARP chapters are now part of an extensive network
10 or programs and activities conducted primarily by members and volunteers at
11 the local, community and state levels; and

12 WHEREAS, Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc. is the recipient of the 2007
13 Annual AARP Chapter Community Service Award for projects initiated in
14 2006 including the proclamation of September by *I Maga'lahañ Guåhan* as
15 AARP Chapter Month with Mr. Mark Chapman, Associate Director of AARP
16 Western Region, as keynote speaker during their banquet; and

17 WHEREAS, the Chapter sponsored and invited Republican and
18 Democratic Party gubernatorial and lieutenant governor candidates to a
19 gubernatorial debate during the 2006 campaign period; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Vinancio Atalig, current Chapter President, was
21 instrumental in successfully bringing the AARP Medicare Supplemental Plan
22 1in 2003 and in July of 2007, the AARP Life Insurance Plan available to Guam
23 Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc. members; and

1 **WHEREAS**, AARP now has offices in each of the 50 states, the District
2 of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands. Together, states and
3 chapters provide a highly visible, positive image of the Association regionally
4 and locally, working in tandem to carry out AARP's advocacy, education and
5 service responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
7 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Chapter 4837,
8 AARP, Inc. established in 1984 and congratulate the organization during
9 AARP Month, September 2007; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
12 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Leland White, AARP Regional Director; Mr.
13 Vinancio Atalig, President, Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc.; and to the
14 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

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

MARK FORBES
Speaker

RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature