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**RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE DEDICATED
EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT
AUTHORITY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR THIRTY-SECOND
(32ND) ANNIVERSARY AND OBSERVE OCTOBER 22, 2006
THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 2006 AS NATIONAL PORT WEEK.**

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

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3 WHEREAS, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority was
4 established as a public corporation and autonomous government agency on
5 October 1975; and

6 WHEREAS, over the last three decades, our Port has provided full
7 services to ocean passenger, cargo and fishing vessels who have called upon
8 our seaport and has developed into a major transshipment center for the
9 Western Pacific; and

10 WHEREAS, the Port is the lifeline to our island and critical to our
11 country's national security. It is essential for the continued development of
12 our economy and the survival of the people of Guam due to our dependence
13 on imported goods including food, fuel, medical supplies, equipment and
14 raw materials;

1 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Port moved about two million (2,000,000)
2 revenue tons of cargo and about seventy eight thousand, two hundred twenty
3 one (78,221) containers; and

4 WHEREAS, the three hundred twenty-five (325) dedicated and
5 hardworking employees handle port operations as stevedores, cargo
6 checkers, equipment operators, accountants, tariff specialists and managers
7 for the five (5) cargo handling piers, a container yard, two (2) fuel piers,
8 three (3) marinas and a harbor of refuge; and

9 WHEREAS, our Port services ships from around the world, over four
10 hundred (400) cargo vessels and more than seven hundred fifty (750)
11 foreign-flagged fishing vessels annually; and

12 WHEREAS, despite its aging equipment, the Port has successfully
13 completed the annual Occupational Safety and Health Administration
14 inspection of all of its cargo handling equipment; and

15 WHEREAS, over the past Fiscal Year, the Port has made significant
16 progress through the purchase of a 40 ton used mobile harbor crane, the
17 issuance of an Invitation for Bid for one new dockside container handling
18 gantry crane with the option of a second crane, and the Invitation for Bid for
19 the replacement of chain link fence with concrete masonry unit wall within
20 the port compound;

21 WHEREAS, the Port has retained the consulting services of Parsons
22 Brinkerhoff International to update its Master Plan serving as the road
23 map for short term and long term plans for infrastructure development,

1 equipment acquisition, facility upgrades, and financing options in
2 preparation of the military buildup and beyond;

3 WHEREAS, the Port received \$1 million dollars in federal grant
4 monies to complete the Port's Comprehensive Vulnerability Assessment, for
5 the construction of a CMU wall for the northern perimeter of the container
6 yard, and for the acquisition of security screen equipment;

7 WHEREAS, the Port completed the repairs and upgrades to F1 fuel
8 pier, fully restoring one of the Port's two main fuel piers;

9 WHEREAS, the Port stands ready to face the challenges ahead,
10 including the upcoming military build up for the relocation of 8,000 marines,
11 their families and support services; and

12 WHEREAS, during "National Port Week", from October 22, 2007
13 through October 26, 2007, our port will conduct a public awareness
14 campaign which highlights the economic benefits gained from the port's
15 operations and their outstanding contributions towards the development of
16 our island; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
18 hereby on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and commend the
19 dedicated employees, management and the Board of Directors of the Jose D.
20 Leon Guerrero Port Authority on their thirty-second (32nd) anniversary; and
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
23 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the importance of

1 “National Port Week” and encourage the people of our island to actively
2 participate in the many activities relating to the thirty-second celebration;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify to, and the Secretary of the
5 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
6 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Ken Tagawa, General Manager of the Jose D.
7 Leon Guerrero Port Authority; to Mr. Monte Mesa, Chairman of the Jose D.
8 Leon Guerrero Port Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
9 *Maga’lahen Guåhan.*