

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap on the occasion of his 25th ordination and anniversary as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap was born on Guam
4 on January 8, 1956, the son of the late Agustin Ungacta Gumataotao and Rosa Aguon
5 Gumataotao. Four other sons were born to this marriage: Joseph (whose children are
6 Christopher, Agustin, Joseph and Mariah), Peter (married to the former AnneMarie
7 Pangelinan; their children are Kailani and PJ), Anthony (married to the former Miriam
8 Lowe; their children are Anthony, Francisco and Aaron) and John, who recently
9 passed on to the Lord; and

10 **WHEREAS**, besides the immediate family, Father Gus grew up closely tied to
11 the extended family which lived in the same neighborhood. This included the late
12 Francisco Ungacta and Julia Aguon Gumataotao and the late Maria Aguon, also a
13 sister of Father Gus' mother, whose daughter Cecilia married Robert H. Perez (their
14 children include three sons, Paul, Robert and Canice and a daughter Celeste, married
15 to John Mercado. The family grew up attending the St. Jude Parish, Sinajana; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a graduate of Father Duenas Memorial School, where he also
2 attended the Minor Seminary, Father Gus entered the Capuchin Order on August 31,
3 1976. After finishing his college education at the University of Guam, Father Gus
4 completed his theological studies at the Maryknoll School of Theology in New York.
5 He was ordained a priest by the late Archbishop Felixberto C. Flores on October 23,
6 1982; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for the first months of his priesthood, Father Gus covered for
8 Friars who were temporarily off-island, first in Piti and then in Saipan. His first
9 permanent assignment as a pastor was at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament parish in
10 Agana Heights, from 1983 until 1986, when he was transferred to Our Lady of
11 Guadalupe parish in Santa Rita. In 1989 he was then made pastor of Our Lady of Mt.
12 Carmel parish in Agat; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 1997 Father Gus was elected the first Chamorro Vice
14 Provincial of the Capuchin Vice Province of Mary Star of the Sea (Guam and
15 Hawaii). He served in this capacity until the year 2000 when he was assigned as pastor
16 once again of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Santa Rita. In 2005 he was sent to his
17 present ministry as pastor of St. Jude parish in Sinajana, the first native son of the
18 parish to serve as its pastor; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Father Gus has also taught in several Catholic schools throughout
20 these years, namely at Mt. Carmel School, Father Duenas Memorial School and Notre
21 Dame High School. He has also served on the Archbishop's College of Consultants and
22 the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council. In his Capuchin community, Father Gus has
23 worked in formation ministry and has served several terms on the Council which
24 advises the Capuchin superior; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Father Gus is known for many gifts and talents, especially for
26 being close to his parishioners and for his preaching. But he is also appreciated for his
27 building efforts improving parish facilities. He also served on the Building Committee

1 that oversaw the recent construction of St. Fidelis Friary. His priesthood will leave
2 both physical and spiritual legacies of his twenty-five years of priestly service in the
3 Archdiocese; now, therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
5 commend and congratulate Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap on the
6 occasion of his 25th ordination and anniversary as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar. May
7 God bless Father Gus with many more years!; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
9 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
10 Father Agustin Aguon Gumataotao, OFM Cap, to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
11 Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Felix
12 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.