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Relative to congratulating and commending the Pacific Association of Land Professionals (PALP) on their Third (3rd) Annual Regional Conference.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Pacific Association of Land Professionals (PALP) was
4 formally established in March 2003 during the First (1st) Regional Conference
5 held in Koror, the Republic of Palau. The Second (2nd) Regional Conference
6 was subsequently held in 2006. Both conferences were highly successful and
7 productive; and

1 **WHEREAS**, PALP was established to foster communications within the
2 Pacific region's surveying, mapping and geographic information systems
3 professional communities for the purposes of enhancing technical information
4 exchanges, discussing common problems along with shared potential
5 solutions, encouraging elementary, high school, college level, and continuing
6 education pursuits in land tenure applications, serving as a forum for the
7 promotion and understanding of PALP-related professions and their benefits
8 and contributions for the general public and all governmental entities,
9 promoting ethical standards of professional practice, building a permanent
10 foundation for colleague contacts for consideration of matters of Pacific-wide
11 interest, and emphasizing high quality services of the professions for the
12 welfare of all Pacific island citizens and residents; and

13 **WHEREAS**, members of PALP consist of government officials and
14 private sector participants of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of
15 Micronesia, the Island of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
16 Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, American Samoa, the State of
17 Hawaii, officials of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. National
18 Geodetic Surveys, U.S. Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and
19 private entrepreneurs from the continental U.S. and the Philippines; and

20 **WHEREAS**, just like the first (1st) and second (2nd) conferences, PALP
21 has garnered the continued financial support of the U.S. Department of
22 Interior to secure distinguished presenters from abroad who are renown in
23 their respective fields to continue their participation in the association's future
24 Annual Regional Conferences; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the primary goals of PALP are wide and complex, however,
2 some of the most outstanding objectives are to meet periodically with our
3 neighbor island nations to exchange our wealth of knowledge and experience
4 in the various approaches taken for the resolution of unique land problems
5 and issues; exchange knowledge of procedures taken, appropriate uses, care
6 and operation of advanced technological equipment such as GPS, GIS, total
7 station instruments, robotic surveying, AutoCAD computers, and other
8 technologies; and the development of communication in order to attract
9 members from other South Pacific Nations to invite them into the Association;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, the First (1st) Regional Conference, which was held in the
12 Republic of Palau, on March 10th through 14th, 2003, was the first of its kind
13 held by and for the Pacific Island Professional community and the highlights
14 are as follows; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the conference opened communications and discussions of
16 common problems among the participants which included representatives
17 from American Samoa, CNMI, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the
18 Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the United States;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, by virtue of having the conference at one place at one time,
21 presentations covering technical advancements in equipment, software, and
22 modern techniques and methods reached out to a usually widely dispersed
23 geographic audience, thus allowing better use of available educational,
24 training, and seminar types of resources; and

1 **WHEREAS**, high level expertise in complex technical and legal subjects
2 was made available by bringing in respected professors and subject matter
3 specialists from “outside” sources, and the educational experiences and
4 opportunities of young Pacific Islanders were shared with those who may
5 want to seek careers in the geometric sciences; and

6 **WHEREAS**, one-on-one time with the conference instructors and
7 presenters was made available to the attendees for assistance with unique
8 problems such as Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers and total station
9 instrument malfunctions existing at their home bases; and

10 **WHEREAS**, unanimous consensus of conference participants was
11 resolved for continuing additional conferences and for forming a Pacific-wide
12 professional association; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Second (2nd) Regional Conference was also held in the
14 Republic of Palau on March 13th through 18th, 2006, and realized all of the
15 same benefits of the First Conference; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the highlights of the second conference were: the hands-on
17 training for modern field survey equipment and software use in a lab
18 environment was emphasized by dedicating more time to practical exercises
19 and one-on-one consultations, and commercial sources (company expert
20 representatives) presented exposure to their products and provided
21 specialized assistance with instrument and software applications; and

22 **WHEREAS**, an opportunity for “distance learning” education in
23 surveying courses offered by Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado,
24 was outlined by Professor Dr. Herbert Stoughton and PALP was confirmed by

1 all the conference participants as a valid organization to represent their
2 professions;

3 **WHEREAS**, the Third (3rd) Regional Conference is now set for March
4 17th through 20th, 2008 at the Guam Community College and PALP is looking
5 forward to another successful conference; now, therefore, be it


6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
7 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate PALP on
8 the success of their endeavors; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
10 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
11 thereafter transmitted to the members of PALP; and to the Honorable Felix P.
12 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2008.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature