

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

**Resolution No. 119 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to recognizing the Month of March, 2008 as “*Mes Chamorro (Chamorro Month)*”, and recognizing the *Chamorro Studies Program* of the Guam Public School System and its collaborators for their contributions to the preservation of the *Chamorro Culture*.**

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

3           **WHEREAS**, this year’s theme, “*Abiba I Man Chamoru, Åntes, PÅ’go yan I*  
4 *Mamaila*, Honor and Celebrate the *Chamorros* of the Past, Present and Future”,  
5 compels all who call Guam home to learn about its leaders of the past and

1 present, and exalt them for their strength and wisdom in recognizing the  
2 importance of revitalizing the *Chamorro* identity; and

3       **WHEREAS**, these leaders should be recognized for their individual and  
4 collective efforts to sustain our ancestral heritage from one generation to the  
5 next; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the *Chamorro* culture continues to exist through its music,  
7 dance, storytelling and traditional crafts, and the *Chamorros*, although rich in  
8 the arts, crafts and social skills face losing their language and cultural lifestyle  
9 through the European and American influences; and

10       **WHEREAS**, it becomes the responsibility of today's leaders to  
11 encourage and educate our children about our heritage, and by doing so make  
12 them the leaders of the future; and

13       **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the efforts of the *Chamorro* Studies  
14 Teachers and the *Chamorro* Studies Division of the Guam Public School  
15 System be acknowledged as the vanguards who have dedicated their efforts  
16 to emphasizing the significance of perpetuating the *Chamorro* language, and  
17 by extension of language and culture within the Guam's Public Schools and  
18 within the community; and

19       **WHEREAS**, it is also worthy to acknowledge the strong partnerships  
20 created by the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs, the Guam Council on the Arts  
21 and Humanities Agency with its collaborators, the University of Guam, the  
22 Guam Visitors Bureau, and all of Guam's community organizations that  
23 continue to carry out the mission to protect, preserve, perpetuate and promote

1 the *Chamorro* language and culture not only during *Chamorro* Month but every  
2 day; and

3 **WHEREAS**, all of the people of Guam are encouraged to attend as many  
4 of the planned activities as possible so that they can be more attuned to the  
5 *Chamorro* culture and knowledgeable of its roots and evolution; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
8 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, declare the month of March, 2008 as  
9 “*Mes Chamorro (Chamorro Month)*”; and be it further

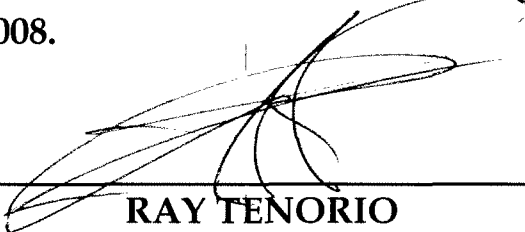
10 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
11 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, acknowledge the *Chamorro*  
12 Language and Culture Teachers and the *Chamorro* Studies and Special Projects  
13 Division of the Guam Public School System for their unwavering devotion to  
14 the perpetuation of the *Chamorro* language and culture; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
16 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, salute all of the many collaborators  
17 who have assisted in the development of activities and events to promote the  
18 *Chamorro* language and culture, have made possible attractions at which  
19 examples of the *Chamorro* culture may be viewed; and have developed  
20 literature for the teaching and learning of the *Chamorro* language and culture  
21 to Guam’s students and community; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
23 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
24 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Luis S.N. Reyes, Superintendent, Guam Public

1 School System; to Mr. Ronald T. Laguana, Administrator, *Chamorro* Studies  
2 Division; to Mr. Juan B. Chaco, GPSS 2008 Chairperson, *Chamorro* Month  
3 Central Planning Committee Representative; to Ms. Sylvia M. Flores, Acting  
4 Director, Department of *Chamorro* Affairs; to Mr. Patrick R. Bamba, Acting  
5 Director, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency; to Dr. Helen J.D.  
6 Whippy, Interim President, University of Guam; to Mr. Gerald S.A. Perez,  
7 General Manager, Guam Visitors Bureau; to Ms. Linda T. Reyes, Chief  
8 Executive Officer, *Pa'a Taotao Tano'*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
9 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY  
2008.**



**RAY TENORIO**  
Acting Speaker



**JESSE A. LUJAN**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature