

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 126(LS)

As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Soroptimist International of Guam on their Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary and recognizing their efforts in improving the lives of women and girls on Guam, the Pacific and the World.

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

3 **WHEREAS, Soroptimist International is a worldwide organization for**
4 **women in management and professions, working through service projects to**
5 **advance human rights and the status of women and girls, with over ninety**

1 thousand (90,000) members in more than three thousand (3,000) clubs in one
2 hundred twenty-six (126) countries and territories; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Soroptimists are women who use the special expertise and
4 management skills developed in their working life to advance the status of
5 women and make the world a better place; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the first Soroptomist club was founded in Oakland,
7 California by Violet Richardson-Ward in 1921, followed by clubs established
8 throughout Europe, Australia and other countries and has been granted
9 General Consultive Status by the United Nations Economic and Social
10 Council; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International is committed to providing
12 service to local, national and international communities, and actively
13 participates in decision-making at all levels of society; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam, founded thirty (30)
15 years ago, has grown to become one of the most significant civic organizations
16 on Guam, providing guidance and expertise in improving the lives of women
17 and girls in our island community; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam chartered the
19 Soroptimist International of the Marianas in 1986; and

20 **WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2000, the Soroptomist International of
21 Guam and the Soroptomist International of the Marianas established *Erica's*

1 *House*, a family visitation center that offers a safe place to pick up and drop off
2 children for exchange between parents; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam has established
4 programs such as the *Women's Opportunity Awards* which aids women, who
5 are domestic abuse survivors, and single mothers, rebuild their lives through
6 funding for education and training, enabling them to upgrade their
7 employment status. The *Violet Richardson Award* was established to recognize
8 young women who make the community and the world a better place
9 through volunteer efforts. The *Making a Difference for Women's Award* program
10 acknowledges the women, who through their personal and professional
11 activities, work to improve the lives of other women and girls; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam has also embarked on a
13 *Workplace Campaign to End Violence*, in which club members distributed cards
14 in the workplace that contain domestic violence hotline information; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Soroptomist International of Guam counts many
16 distinguished women of Guam as its members, including Charter President
17 Ana San Nicolas, and Charter Members, Former Senator Pilar Lujan, Former
18 Senator and Public Auditor Doris Flores Brooks, Ann Marie Roth, Edwina
19 Jose and Grace Low; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the 2007 to 2008 Officers of the Soroptomist International of
21 Guam are: President - Chet B. Neri; 1st Vice President - Louise Lippert; 2nd Vice

1 President - Sheryl Simpkins; Secretary - Karen Carpenter; Treasurer - Rena
2 Borja; and Delegates - Lina McDonald and Edwina Jose; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2007 to 2008 Committee Chairpersons of the
4 Soroptomist International of Guam are: Marie Benito - *Women's Opportunity*
5 *Award*; Pilar Lujan - *Violet Richardson Award*; Prudence Denight - *Making a*
6 *Difference for Women Award*; Ann Marie Roth - Membership; Patricia Taitano -
7 Ways and Means; Rosemarie Cruz - Program Chair; Marie McElligott -
8 International Goodwill and Understanding; Christine Scott-Smith - Public
9 Relations/Awareness; Arlene Bordallo - Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary Charter
10 Night; Donna Kloppenburg - Founder Region District VI Meeting; Ana San
11 Nicolas - Parliamentarian; Marie McElligott - Women's Art Show; Karen
12 Carpenter - Human Trafficking; Julie Smith - S Ventures; Monique Renay
13 Baysingar - Soroptomist Workplace Campaign; Patricia Taitano and Julie
14 Christina Rivera - 5K Run; and Josephine Palomo - Health Committee; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
17 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the
18 Soroptomist International of Guam on their Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary and
19 recognize their efforts in improving the lives of women and girls on Guam,
20 the Pacific, and the World; and be it further

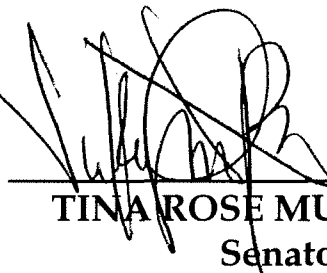
21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
22 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be

1 thereafter transmitted to Chet Neri, the 2007 to 2008 President of Soroptomist
2 International of Guam; to the 2007 to 2008 Officers of the Soroptomist
3 International of Guam; to Machiko Yamada, Soroptomist International of the
4 Americas President; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'laha*
5 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature