

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

Resolution No. 131 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to congratulating Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña, President/General Manager, "AM Insurance" within our islands distinguished "Small Business Community awarded the "2008 Women in Business Champion of the Year".

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

3 **WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña comes from a dedicated, honest**
4 **and hardworking people who are committed to supporting and helping**

1 others, a close-knit family with strong convictions, whose parents always did
2 things for people and found joy in bringing families together; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña graduated with top honors from
4 the University of Guam and holds a Bachelors Degree in Business
5 Administration with a double major in Management and Public
6 Administration; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña established "*AM Insurance*" (*Access*
8 *to Markets for Insurance/AMI*) in January 1994 as a sole proprietorship and
9 incorporated in June 1996 responding to a growing need for excess and
10 surplus coverage for large local companies. She entered the Insurance
11 industry as an Insurance Clerk and worked her way up as an Underwriter.
12 She also gained valuable insight into marketing and underwriting as
13 Production Manager having been employed for thirteen (13) years with
14 Universe Insurance Underwriters, Inc.; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña's professional training include
16 marketing and underwriting for casualty, property, auto, bond, aviation and
17 marine insurance while her international training comprises seminars in
18 aviation, bonds, energy and lien insurance; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Muña is a licensed Insurance Broker uniquely qualified
20 to access Excess and Surplus Lines Insurance markets in Europe and the
21 United States and is one of the most experience brokers in the servicing of
22 government accounts on Guam and is also a licensed Real Estate Broker; and

23 **WHEREAS**, "*AM Insurance*" is an aggressive independent Insurance
24 Broker managed by Ms. Muña whose knowledge and expertise of the local

1 insurance industry combined with her good standing relationship with
2 international underwriters has enabled her to build a portfolio surpassing
3 others; and

4 **WHEREAS, “AM Insurance”** built a dossier of accounts totaling over
5 Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in insurance premiums and consisting
6 mostly of large government and commercial account after three (3) years of
7 hard work; and

8 **WHEREAS, “AM Insurance”** offers all lines of insurance and is staffed
9 with professionals who can access numerous local and international markets
10 for their clients. All of its employees undergo extensive training enabling
11 them to provide personalized administrative and underwriting assistance,
12 prompt and efficient claims support as well as risk management services to all
13 their clients; and

14 **WHEREAS, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña** serves on the Guam Chapter of the
15 American Red Cross Board of Directors, member of the Guam Chamber of
16 Commerce Board of Directors and is an Officer of the Bill Muña Foundation;
17 and

18 **WHEREAS, Ms. Muña** was one (1) of the first thirty (30) Charter
19 Members of Soroptomist International of the Marianas (SIM) Organization on
20 Guam. SIM is part of a world-wide organization for women in management
21 and professions working through service projects to advance human rights
22 and the status of women that espouses that a Soroptimist is a leader in her
23 community. Ms. Muña believes that by joining with other women and

1 engaging in awareness, advocacy and action in the service of her community
2 and society, she can make the world a better place for mankind; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the majority of Soroptimist’s work to improve the lives of
4 women and girls is done at the local club level and although Ms. Muña is not
5 a current member of the Soroptimist organization, as a charter member, she
6 continues to support their projects and other non-profit organizations to assist
7 in their mission for the betterment of our island community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Muña’s father was an inspiration who taught her that
9 “when you give to someone sincerely, it would come back tenfold”. She
10 believes in “giving back” to the community and is supportive of community-
11 based organization through her efforts with the American Red Cross, the
12 American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army and numerous youth sports
13 organizations most notably the Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao. In
14 celebration of “*AM Insurance’s*” Tenth (10th) Anniversary, Ms. Muña
15 coordinated a golf tournament and 5K run to raise funds for the American
16 Red Cross. Her efforts resulted in a donation of Ten Thousand Dollars
17 (\$10,000.00); and

18 **WHEREAS**, she feels strongly that the Lord has blessed her with good
19 fortune so that she can help other people. She also credits her family for her
20 strength, wisdom and her passion for living and continues to volunteer for the
21 Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) Kid Foundation in an effort to
22 increase awareness and provide financial support for those diagnosed with
23 the rare, life-threatening disease present at birth. SCID, also known as the
24 “Boy In The Bubble” syndrome, causes a child to have very little or no

1 immune system whereby the child's body is unable to fight off infections
2 because living in the normal environment can prove fatal to children afflicted
3 with the disease; and

4 **WHEREAS**, like its President/General Manager, "*AM Insurance*"
5 owners believe in giving back to the community because they want to based
6 on their commitment that social responsibility builds better communities,
7 stronger families and better professional relationships. Through "*AM*
8 *Insurance*," Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña is a business partner of the Airports
9 Council International (ACI) and also a member of the Association of Pacific
10 Ports (APP); and

11 **WHEREAS**, "*AM Insurance*" sets aside a portion of their annual income
12 for charitable contributions to the American Cancer Society, Make a Wish
13 Foundation, the American Red Cross and numerous other local organizations.
14 "*AM Insurance*" sponsors or donates to local sports organization and donates
15 to the numerous fundraising efforts for families in need to raise funds for
16 medical reasons; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña has ventured into other enterprises
18 as a shareholder and director for *Y Ma'gas Inc.* a locally, women-owned
19 company, of which she was instrumental in the development and formation
20 of the company in September 2004, that provides administrative services,
21 event planning and bookkeeping services to small businesses on island. Her
22 latest endeavor is the creation of *AM Properties* which offers mortgage
23 brokering and real estate and property management still in its infancy and
24 expected to begin operations in 2008; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña has over twenty-eight (28) years of
2 insurance knowledge and experience and her unique qualities and the
3 phenomenal growth of “AM Insurance” afforded the company the reputation
4 for being a leading broker on Guam; now, therefore, be it

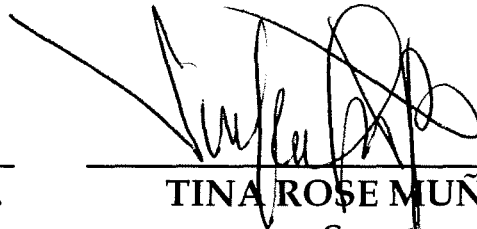
5 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
6 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Ms. AnnMarie T.
7 Muña, President/General Manager, “AM Insurance” within our islands
8 distinguished Small Business Community Awarded the “2008 Women in
9 Business Champion of the Year” and further extend to her a sincere *Un*
10 *Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for her outstanding contributions for the
11 betterment of our Island Community; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
13 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
14 thereafter transmitted to Ms. AnnMarie T. Muña; and to the Honorable Felix
15 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 13TH DAY OF MARCH 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature