

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and congratulating Continental Micronesia, Inc. on the occasion of its Fortieth (40th) Anniversary celebration of servicing Guam and the region, and to commending the Continental Staff, Management, and Board of Directors for their diligent and dedicated work, and for their many contributions to our island on this auspicious and historic occasion.

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

3 **WHEREAS, in 1968, Continental Micronesia, Inc. was rooted on Guam**
4 **as Air Micronesia, but was known throughout the region as “Air Mike”, and**

1 inaugurated flights for Saipan-Honolulu with seven (7) island stops in
2 between; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Air Micronesia became an international airline in 1977 and
4 inaugurated its Guam-Manila service in 1982, and service to Brisbane and
5 Sydney, Australia in 1989; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1990, Air Micronesia augmented its fleet with DC-10 and
7 B-727 aircraft and added services to Sapporo and Sendai, Japan; Taipei;
8 Taiwan and Seoul, Korea; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Air Micronesia began its service to Cebu, Philippines, while
10 adding Hong Kong to its list of Asia destinations in 1991; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1992, Continental Air Micronesia received certification as
12 stand-alone Part 121 carrier Continental Micronesia, Inc. (CMI), a leading
13 regional carrier for Asia and the Pacific; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia, Inc. is headquartered in Guam and
15 operates a Pacific hub from the A.B. Won Pat International Airport;

16 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia celebrated its 25th Anniversary in
17 1993 by extending long-range wide-body service across the Pacific with B-747s
18 operating on CMI Routes; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia became the first airline in the world
20 to be equipped and certified with GPS long-range equipment on a B-727 in
21 1996; as well, the Airline inaugurated a cooperative cargo freighter operation
22 with DHL, flying six (6) B-727 freighters, increasing the fleet to fifteen (15)
23 aircraft hubbing from a crew base in Manila to Kuala Lumpur, Singapore,

1 Seoul, Taipei and Hong Kong, while CAL 757 aircraft began operating from a
2 Guam crew base on CMI routes; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1996, Continental Micronesia co-founded the *Ayuda*
4 Foundation, which has been instrumental in providing humanitarian medical
5 relief charity missions in the region; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia displayed its resolve and
7 commitment to the island when it resumed flight service just three (3) days
8 following the destructive visit of Super Typhoon *Paka* in 1997 and opened its
9 New World-Class President's Club in Guam; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, Continental Micronesia added the destinations of
11 Niigata and Okyama in Japan; Cairns, Australia; and Noumea, New
12 Caledonia; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in addition to providing air service to and from Guam and
14 Micronesia, Continental Micronesia has flown many missions in the name of
15 humanity, i.e., in 1994, the Airline ferried two thousand (2,000) Kurdish
16 refugees to the United States mainland via Guam; and in 1995, Air Mike flew
17 five (5) B-727s loaded with WWII Veterans to *Iwo Jima* to commemorate the
18 Fifty (50th) Anniversary of the historic battle; and

19 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the CMI-DHL freighter venture came to an end,
20 and Continental Airlines B-737-800 aircraft began operating on Continental
21 Micronesia routes and the phase-out of the familiar B-727s began; and

22 **WHEREAS**, by 2000, the last Continental Micronesia B-727 was retired
23 from service and the following year a Continental Micronesia B-737 crew flew
24 a mission to rescue a U.S. Navy P-3 crew after release by the Chinese captors

1 following a mid-air collision with a Chinese fighter jet, forcing the Navy
2 surveillance aircraft to make an emergency landing on the island of Hainan;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Continental Micronesia replaced their DC-10s with
5 new 767 aircraft, and the following year ten (10) Continental Micronesia B-
6 737-800 aircraft were officially added to the CMI operating fleet; and

7 **WHEREAS**, over the years, Continental Micronesia, Inc. has donated
8 both cash and in-kind assistance; e.g., supports the University of Guam with a
9 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) endowment for five (5) years and
10 is currently in its third-cycle; supports the Northern Marianas College with a
11 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) endowment over a five (5) years
12 period; nearly Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for *Super Typhoon*
13 *Pongsona* relief, including a Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) donation to the
14 American Red Cross; Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) in travel assistance
15 for PNI linemen; more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)
16 in travel assistance for travel agents and media for the Guam Visitors Bureau
17 and the Micronesia region; Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000) for its
18 employee assistance program; and has over the years provided humanitarian
19 assistance with rescuing lost-at-sea fishermen in the region by bringing them
20 home; raised Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$56,000) for the American Cancer
21 Society; is instrumental in the island's Bone Marrow Drive; and has
22 demonstrated its commitment to make the destinations it serves to be a better
23 place to work, live, and play; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, Continental Micronesia created the Wings for Life
2 OnePass medical charity miles program, administered by the *Ayuda*
3 *Foundation*, to help medically indigent patients with off-island transportation
4 for their medical care; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia, Inc. provides service to twenty five
6 (25)Asia-Pacific destinations in ten (10) countries and operates two hundred
7 thirty six (236) flights each week between twenty three (23) cities from its hub
8 in Guam, as well as connections to the U.S. mainland via Narita and
9 Honolulu; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Continental Micronesia, Inc. flies to and from the following
11 airports: the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport, in Guam; the Saipan
12 International Airport in the Northern Mariana Islands; in Micronesia, the
13 Amata Kabua International Airport in the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
14 the Chuuk International Airport, the Kosrae International Airport, the
15 Pohnpei International Airport; in the Yap International Airport, and in the
16 Palau International Airport; in the Cairns International Airport; in the
17 Australia; in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila, Philippines;
18 in the Ngurah Rai Airport in Denpasar, Indonesia; in the Hong Kong
19 International Airport; in the East Asia, China; in Japan, the Hiroshima Airport;
20 the Fukuoka Airport; the Chubu International Airport, in Nagoya; the Niigata
21 Airport; the Okayama Airport; the New Chitose Airport in Sapporo; the
22 Sendai Airport; and the Narita International Airport in Tokyo; and in the
23 Honolulu International Airports, in Hawaii; and

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, Continental Micronesia operated its first Inaugural
2 Charter Flight from Shanghai, Republic of China to Guam demonstrating its
3 commitment to the Asia-Pacific region; and

4 **WHEREAS**, despite the world's difficult economic climate and
5 downturn in the challenges that come with a global economy, the Iraq war
6 and other calamities, Continental Micronesia proudly celebrates its Fortieth
7 (40th) year of service to Guam and Micronesia, the Airline continues to show
8 its dedication and confidence in the future growth and prosperity of the
9 region; and

10 **WHEREAS**, today Continental Micronesia, Inc. is the island's largest
11 private-sector employer on Guam with more than one thousand five hundred
12 (1,500) people earning more than Ninety Million Dollars (\$90,000,000) in
13 payroll, and spends over One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000)
14 throughout the region; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
16 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, does hereby, recognize and
17 congratulate the Continental Micronesia, Inc. community on the occasion of
18 its Fortieth (40th) Anniversary celebration of servicing Guam and the region;
19 and be it further

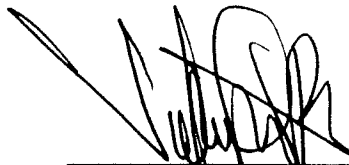
20 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
21 commend the staff, management, and Board of Directors of Continental
22 Micronesia, Inc. for their diligent and dedicated work and for their many
23 contributions to our island on this auspicious and historic occasion; and be it
24 further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
3 thereafter transmitted to Mr. Larry Kellner, Chairman and Chief Executive
4 Officer, Continental Airlines, Inc.; to Mr. Mark Erwin, President and Chief
5 Executive Officer, Continental Micronesia, Inc.; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
6 Bordallo, Guam Delegate to Congress; to Mr. Gerald S.A. Perez, General
7 Manager, Guam Visitors Bureau; to Mr. Jess Torres, Executive Manager ,
8 Guam International Airport Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P.
9 Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2008.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature