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

**Resolution No. 160 (LS)** 

As amended.

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commemorating the month of May 2008 as "Guam Museum Month" and commending local community efforts to preserve Guam's rich and diverse history.

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

3 WHEREAS, the month of May has been recognized as "National 4 Museum Month" by thousands of museum organizations, communities, and 5 states across the country, as well as by the White House and Congress for 6 more than two (2) decades; and 1 WHEREAS, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and the Guam 2 Museum Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task 3 Force, joins the American Association of Museums, a conglomerate of 4 members throughout the United States and its territories in commemorating 5 and celebrating the history and tradition of our ancestors; and

6 WHEREAS, our local community, together with museum officials, will 7 celebrate "Guam Museum Month" with the theme of "*I Hinana-ta*, the 8 Journey of the *Chamorro* People," to commemorate the contributions made 9 by the Guam Museum to the preservation of our heritage – culture, arts, and 10 history - and to the furtherance and understanding of the people of Guam; 11 and

WHEREAS, museums are the inheritors and guardians of the people'sremnants and artifacts; and

14 WHEREAS, museums are promoters of culture, history, tradition, and 15 are centers of research for scholars, of education, as well as a resource for 16 schools, colleges, universities, libraries, and other institutions of learning; and

WHEREAS, museums enrich the quality of our communities, provide a
sense of place and offer enlightenment for younger generations; and

WHEREAS, Guam has seen a renewed interest in preserving the island's rich heritage and it is notable that our island's landscape holds several existing museums, as well as a few anticipated museum openings in the near future, including, the Guam Museum, the National Park Service War in the Pacific Museum, the U'Zeum Children's Discovery Museum of Guam,
 the Pacific War Museum, the National Museum of the *Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica*, the Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of
 Guam and the highly anticipated Guam Museum of Culture, Arts, and
 History; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and the Guam 6 Museum Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task 7 8 Force, together with DFS Guam, the Guam Museum, the Department of Chamorro Affairs, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic 9 Preservations, the Guam Community College, the Guam Preservation Trust, 10 the Guam Public School System, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Mayors 11 12 Council of Guam, the Chamorro Center and Micronesia Area Research Center of the University of Guam, and all entities established whose vision and 13 14 mission and/or efforts are directly supportive of Guam's preservation and promotion of history and culture, hereby commit to increasing public 15 16 awareness of Guam's history and culture through its leadership, advocacy, as well as further research and study programs through continued development 17 18 of partnerships with the educational institutions, seeking recognition in commemorating, sharing and upholding "I Hinanta-ta, the Journey of the 19 Chamorro people"; now, therefore, be it 20

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commemorate the month of May 2008 as "Guam Museum Month, with the theme of "*I Hinana-ta*, the Journey of the *Chamorro* People", and encourages the people of Guam, local government agencies, and interested private organizations to
celebrate, promote, and observe that month with appropriate ceremonies,
activities, and programs, and to take action to preserve and promote the
Guam Museum of Culture, Arts, and History in our community; and be it
further

**RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the 6 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be 7 thereafter transmitted to Ms. Sylvia Flores, President, Department of Chamorro 8 9 Affairs; to Ms. Leona Young, Administrator, Guam Museum Foundation; to MARC, University of Guam; to the National Park Service War in the Pacific 10 11 Museum; to Mr. John Gerber, Pacific War Museum; to Ms. Catherine Gayle, President, Discovery Group of Guam; to the Very Reverend James L.G. 12 Benavente, National Museum of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica; 13 14 and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

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

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Senator and Secretary of the Legislature