

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating Captain William R. Marhoffer, United States Coast Guard, for his highly successful tour of duty on Guam, and particularly for his efforts to promote better relations between the United States Coast Guard and the people of Micronesia.

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

3 **WHEREAS, since arriving on Guam on July 2005, Captain William R.**
4 **Marhoffer has served as Commander, Coast Guard Sector Guam; and**

1 **WHEREAS**, as Sector Commander, Captain William R. Marhoffer
2 exercises statutory authority as Captain of the Port and Federal Maritime
3 Security Coordinator for Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana
4 Islands, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Scene Coordinator for
5 Maritime pollution prevention and response, and Search and Rescue Mission
6 Coordinator for nearly 2 million square miles of the Western Pacific Ocean,
7 including Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Captain William Marhoffer's duties include commanding
9 two (2) 110-foot patrol boats, USCGC ASSATEAGUE and USCGC
10 WASHINGTON, three (3) 25-foot response boats, and a staff of one hundred
11 ninety-four (194) active duty, reservists, auxiliary and civilian personnel
12 responsible for performing missions, including, Search and Rescue, Maritime
13 Homeland Security, Commercial Vessel Safety, Maritime Law Enforcement,
14 Environmental Protection, and Waterways Safety; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Captain William Marhoffer initiated, planned and executed
16 the Exercise Sea Guardian concept, which combined the resources of the
17 United States Coast Guard and the Royal Australian Navy to equip the
18 members of the FSM Navy to better patrol their own waters and enforce
19 Living Marine Resource treaties. His efforts in this area have empowered
20 island states of Maritime Law Enforcement and have fostered important
21 collaborative friendships in the region. Through this, permanent and
22 temporary bilateral agreements have been established with the Cook Islands,
23 Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the FSM and the Republic of
24 Palau; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Captain William Marhoffer maintained the Search &
2 Rescue Memorandum of Agreement with the Helicopter Sea Combat
3 Squadron 25. This augments Sector Guam’s surface assets with air coverage
4 on demand and extends the range of visibility in the prosecution of SAR cases.
5 Under his leadership, Department of Defense leadership schools have been
6 made available to Coast Guard personnel, including, the Navy and the Air
7 Force Non-Commissioned Officer’s leadership academies and the Navy’s
8 Bearings Course; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Captain William Marhoffer initiated dialog between CG-
10 122 and the Department of Homeland Security to allow FSM citizens to
11 reenlist in the Coast Guard without becoming American citizens and
12 forfeiting their land rights in the FSM; and

13 **WHEREAS**, under Captain Marhoffer’s direction, representatives from
14 Sector Guam met with CNMI Officials (Port Police, Department of Public
15 Safety and Emergency Management Office personnel from Saipan and Tinian)
16 and created a semi-annual SAR exercise coordination group, called SAR
17 Group CNMI, to mirror the quarterly exercise group in Guam, called SAR
18 Group Guam. Since that time, exercises and training have been provided at
19 least twice per year, which have directly led to timely rescues and saving five
20 (5) lives. Improved communications have resulted in immediate asset
21 response via air and sea. Additionally, the navigation and communications
22 training have enabled better local response; and


23 **WHEREAS**, Captain William Marhoffer recommended that USCG
24 patrol boats be allowed to patrol Palau’s waters under a bilateral agreement.

1 Subsequently, temporary bilateral agreements have been also established with
2 the Cook Islands, Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated
3 States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau; now, therefore, be it

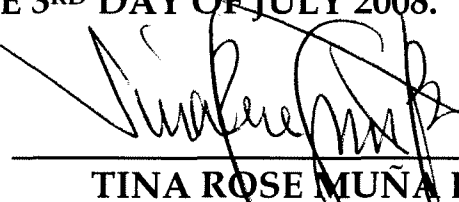
4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
5 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate Captain
6 William R. Marhoffer, United States Coast Guard for his highly successful
7 tour of duty on Guam and particularly for his efforts to promote better
8 relations between the United States Coast Guard and the people of
9 Micronesia; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
11 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
12 thereafter transmitted to Captain William R. Marhoffer; to RDML Manson K.
13 Brown; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3RD DAY OF JULY 2008.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature