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Relative to expressing the condolences of *I Mina'Bente Nuebi* Na Liheslaturan Guåhan to the Hindu-Indian community worldwide and in Guam for the tragic events of terrorism that took place in Mumbai, India, from November 26 to 29, 2008, in which nearly five hundred (500) people were injured or lost their lives, and to express *I Liheslatura's* outrage at acts of terrorism, which it considers atrocities and crimes against all of humanity.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN

- 2 GUÅHAN:
- 3 WHEREAS, on November 26, 2008, a series of coordinated terrorist
- 4 attacks began across the City of Mumbai, Republic of India, the country's
- 5 financial capital and largest city; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the attacks ended three (3) days later on November 29
- 7 when Indian security forces, in Operation Black Tornado, were able to regain
- 8 control of all the attack sites; and
- 9 WHEREAS, according to reports by the Associated Press, the attacks
- resulted in the deaths of at least one hundred eighty-eight (188) people, and
- 11 the injuring of at least two hundred ninety-four (294) others; and
- WHEREAS, eight (8) of the attacks took place at sites in South Mumbai
- 13 proper: the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, the Oberoi Trident, the Taj Mahal
- 14 Palace and Tower, the Leopold Cafe, the Cama Hospital, the Orthodox
- 15 Jewish-owned Nariman House, the Metro Cinema, and at a lane behind the
- 16 Times of India building behind St. Xavier's College; and
- 17 WHEREAS, an explosion also took place at the Mazagaon docks in
- 18 Mumbai's port area, and a possible tenth incident involving a taxi blast at Vile
- 19 Parle near the airport has tentatively been linked to the attacks; and
- 20 WHEREAS, these attacks were apparently designed to cause the
- 21 greatest number of civilian casualties, to destabilize Indian society, and to
- 22 weaken the economy of the world's most populous democracy; and

WHEREAS, the nine (9) terrorists killed by police and the lone terrorist captured alive, who are believed to be responsible for the horrifying attacks, have been identified and investigations are continuing to get the full background details of the terrorists and their associates; and

WHEREAS, the victims of these attacks included members of many faiths, including those of the Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and Christian faiths, and they condemn this callous act of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam express wholehearted solidarity with the people of Mumbai and the Republic of India during this time of crisis and great sorrow; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam recognize the need to come together through interfaith and non-denominational religious groups to show support to our Hindu-Indian Community of Guam and around the world during this time of mourning; and

WHEREAS, India is a multilingual and multicultural democracy based on the rule of law that is determined to combat terrorism in cooperation with the international community, and, in particular, within the United Nations framework; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam express admiration and support for the important work and contribution of members of the Hindu-Indian Community of Guam as it gathers to offer prayers and chants for the victims and their family members; and

WHEREAS, the people of Guam offer hope, prayers, and wishes for the

speedy recovery of those who were injured as a result of the attacks in

3 Mumbai; and

WHEREAS, *I Liheslatura*, encourages all religious groups, as well as those who are non-religious, to gather in a moment of silence or prayer for world peace; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express condolences to the Hindu-Indian Community of Guam and throughout the world, on the tragedy inflicted on the City of Mumbai in the Republic of India by terrorist attacks, resulting in death or injury to nearly five hundred (500) people of various nationalities and religions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby express its outrage towards acts of terrorism, which the people of Guam consider to be atrocities and crimes against humanity for which the surviving perpetrator and any of his associates in terrorism should be severely punished; and be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, further extend condolences to the families of all of the victims of the terrorist attacks, and to other groups in Guam and around the world who mourn the loss of victims who were killed in Mumbai; and be it 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 Raju Nagarajan, Hindu-Indian Community of Guam;
- 4 to Imam Muni Abdullah, Muslim Community of Guam; to Smt. Pratibha
- 5 Devisingh Patil, President of India; to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of
- 6 India; to United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon; and to the
- 7 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

Senator and

Secretary of the Legislature