

***I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
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**Relative to congratulating the Guam National Guard on the celebration of the National Guard's 372<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, and to thanking its members for their many contributions to our island and our nation over the years.**

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

1           **WHEREAS**, the National Guard of the United States is the oldest  
2 component of the U.S. Armed Forces and one of the nation’s longest-enduring  
3 institutions; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the National Guard traces its roots back to October 7, 1636,  
5 during the formation of the Militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.  
6 Responsible for their own defense, the colonists drew on English military  
7 tradition and organized their able-bodied male citizens into militias; and

8           **WHEREAS**, in the last three hundred seventy-two (372) years, the  
9 National Guard has contributed to our National Security, to the protection of  
10 our citizens at home and abroad, and to the peace and welfare of every  
11 American, young and old; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the members of the National Guard have displayed some  
13 of the most indisputable courage, sacrifices beyond the call of duty, and a  
14 willingness to put themselves in harm’s way in the name of freedom and for  
15 the lives of all American citizens; and

16           **WHEREAS**, more than four hundred fifty eight thousand (458,000)  
17 Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard serve worldwide, from Central  
18 America to the Middle East and to the Far East, providing extraordinary  
19 service to the nation; and

20           **WHEREAS**, on December 24, 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed  
21 Public Law 96-600, introduced by the 96<sup>th</sup> Congress, officially authorizing the  
22 establishment of the Guam National Guard. Senator Edward R. Duenas

1 authored the local law to create the Guam National Guard, Governor Paul M.  
2 Calvo served as the first Commander-In-Chief, and General Robert H. Neitz  
3 was appointed as the first Adjutant General; and

4       **WHEREAS**, on July 21, 1981, the Guam National Guard's command  
5 headquarters was officially established with thirty-two (32) charter members;  
6 and

7       **WHEREAS**, over the years, the Guam National Guard has grown from  
8 its original thirty-two (32) charter members to nearly one thousand six  
9 hundred fifty (1,650) members between its Army and Air Force commands;  
10 and

11       **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to support  
12 national security objectives, and to this end has performed admirably over the  
13 years, providing valuable national security functions in this part of the world  
14 and globally whenever and wherever needed; and

15       **WHEREAS**, the Guam National Guard members have served bravely  
16 and valiantly in missions and deployments around the world, including  
17 recent deployments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Africa, Korea, Philippines,  
18 Japan, Saudi Arabia and Kyrgyztan, in which our Guard members have  
19 repeatedly distinguished themselves as outstanding members of our Armed  
20 Forces; and

21       **WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to protect life  
22 and property, and to preserve peace, order and public safety, and its members

1 have constantly fulfilled this mission in protecting our citizens on Guam  
2 during many crises, disasters and emergencies, saving countless lives and  
3 providing order when chaos threatens to rule; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the Guam National Guard's mission is to participate in local, state and national programs that add value to America, and while the activities that its members have participated that accomplish this mission are too numerous to name, among the most valuable have been those efforts that have helped Guam recover after typhoons, earthquakes and other natural disasters; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the men and women of the Guam National Guard have  
5 touched so many lives, have helped so many families on Guam, and have  
6 protected us through the toughest of times, and for this, they must be honored  
7 and appreciated; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does  
9 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the National Guard on  
10 three hundred seventy-two (372) years of outstanding and exceptional service;  
11 and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby  
13 express its appreciation for the numerous contributions the members of the  
14 Guam National Guard have made to our people, our island and our nation  
15 over the years, and for the devoted service and courageous protection our

1 Guard members have provided to our people in the past twenty-seven (27)  
2 years; and be it further

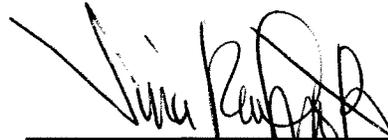
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
5 thereafter transmitted to General Craig R. Mckinley, Chief, National Guard  
6 Bureau; to Major General Donald J. Goldhorn, Adjutant General of the Guam  
7 National Guard; 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 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2008.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.**  
Speaker



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Senator and  
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