

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 46 (LS)

As amended.

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Relative to honoring *Tan* Josefina Dela Cruz, a Guam
Centenarian, during Senior Citizens Month 2007.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the *Manåmko* of Guam are a precious resource and a link to
4 the history, culture, and identity of the people of Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam's *Manåmko* are to be appreciated and honored
6 during Senior Citizens Month for their invaluable contributions to the life of
7 our community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, some of our *Manâmkô* have reached the amazing milestone
2 in life of being at least one hundred (100) years old and are known as
3 “Centenarians”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Josefina Dela Cruz is one of our Centenarians and
5 should be honored for achieving this milestone; and

6 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Josefina Dela Cruz was born on Guam on March 22,
7 1906, according to the records of the pattered reporting births; however, *Tan*
8 Josefina knows her true birthday to be March 6; and

9 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Josefina lived in the *Aguada* area of Piti, and suffered a
10 gunshot wound to the back which caused her to lose her sight; and

11 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Josefina underwent numerous unsuccessful attempts to
12 correct her blindness, but she became very resourceful without her sight; and

13 **WHEREAS**, *Tan* Josefina helped raise her sister’s eight (8) children and
14 many nieces and nephews who call her “Nina”; she cooked meals, washed
15 clothes using a *batea*, hung laundry to dry, looked after children, sewed
16 clothes, and even measured ingredients by touch to make *buñelos aga’*; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
19 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and honor *Tan* Josefina
20 Dela Cruz as an honored Guam Centenarian on the occasion of Senior
21 Citizens Month 2007; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
23 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
24 thereafter transmitted to *Tan* Josefina Dela Cruz and her family; and to the
25 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2007.



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Speaker



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Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature