

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 65 (EC)
As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Paul J. Bordallo, former Senator, and to extending the sincere condolences of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to his family.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** the late Honorable Paul Joseph Bordallo was born on May
4 20, 1930 to the late Josefina Torres Pangelinan and the late Baltasar Jerome
5 Bordallo, and on Saturday, May 12, 2007, was called to his eternal reward at
6 the venerable age of seventy-six (76) years; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Paul J. Bordallo was a devout Roman Catholic; a dedicated
2 family man who provided well for his immediate and extended families, and
3 a man who loved nature and the environment and, especially, the oceans of
4 his island home, becoming an avid fisherman and advocate for all fishermen
5 of the islands; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Paul J. Bordallo, for more than thirty (30) years, was a
7 successful businessman and the proprietor of Marianas Boats and Motors, the
8 Micronesia Hotel and Family Finance; extending this to public service by
9 contributing his business expertise and acumen as a member of the Guam
10 Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, and as Chairman of the Board of the
11 Guam Economic Development Authority during the administration of
12 Democratic Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez and twice a member of the Western
13 Pacific Fisheries Management Council; and

14 **WHEREAS**, his love of politics and dedicated public service was
15 nurtured beginning as early as 1936, and through years of exposure to and
16 participation in, his father's efforts to secure the full rights and benefits of
17 American citizenship for his beloved *Chamorro* people; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the loyalty and patriotism of young Paul J. Bordallo, and
19 his father, their love of freedom and their love of America, resulted in their
20 horrific brutalization and torture at the hands of the Japanese occupation
21 forces; and

22 **WHEREAS**, liberation by American forces did not relieve the emotional
23 pain of captivity as Paul's fierce love for his *Chamorro* people, heritage and
24 home were once again violated when his people and their lands were

1 alienated through confiscation by America's military machine. This
2 disillusioning turn of events planted the seeds of nationalism in young Paul
3 and an unquenchable desire to make a difference for the *Chamorro* people;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, knowing that in order to pursue his quest to secure
6 inalienable human and civil rights for the *Chamorro* people, he would need an
7 education; Paul went back to school and graduated as the salutatorian of
8 George Washington High School's class of 1948. Shortly afterwards, he left
9 Guam to attend his father's alma mater, Saint Mary's College in Moraga,
10 California. After two (2) years at St. Mary's, he transferred to Stanford
11 University where he majored in economics and minored in anthropology.
12 Paul graduated cum laude in 1952 from Stanford, and without breaking
13 stride, immediately pursued and earned a Masters of Business Administration
14 degree at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, returning to Guam, Paul first worked for Joseph Flores at
16 the newly established Guam Savings and Loan Association. In 1956, Paul was
17 drafted into the Army where he served for two (2) years. In 1959, he opened
18 his own business, Family Finance Company, Incorporated, which he later
19 expanded to include a real estate and insurance firm. Appointed in 1961,
20 Paul served as a member of the Guam Memorial Hospital's Board of Trustees
21 for nine (9) years but his desire to do more was unrelenting; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in November 1970, Paul was elected to the Eleventh (11th)
23 Guam Legislature, where he espoused issues important to the *Chamorro*
24 people, earning him a reputation of *Chamorro* nationalist. Early in his

1 Senatorial tenure, Paul fought to make *Chamorro* and English the official
2 languages of Guam. His strong advocacy and determination to protect
3 *Chamorro* history, culture and language resulted in a mandate requiring a
4 comprehensive *Chamorro* curriculum for all public schools; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in what was his most controversial political crusade, Paul
6 Bordallo fought for legislation requiring legislative approval of any
7 disposition or alienation of public lands. He fought, all the way to the Ninth
8 Circuit Court of Appeals, to reverse the decision of then Governor Carlos G.
9 Camacho to surrender to the Navy over ten thousand (10,000) acres of public
10 land, from Facpi Point in Agat to Sella Bay in Umatac, for an ammunition
11 wharf and secure zone. His persistence established, once and for all, the
12 principle that the disposition of public lands must be by legislative mandate
13 and not unilateral, non representative, executive decision; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Paul Bordallo firmly believed that the
15 relationship between an island and its people is sacred and inviolable, a belief
16 which motivated Paul to write and manage to passage, the *Chamorro Land*
17 *Trust Act* which mandated that all public lands, not specifically designated for
18 public use within three (3) years, would be deeded to the *Chamorro* Land Trust
19 for distribution among indigenous people of Guam through ninety-nine (99)-
20 year leases; the Act was finally implemented in 1997 through the order of the
21 Supreme Court of Guam; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Paul J. Bordallo, throughout his second term
23 in the Twelfth (12th) Guam Legislature, continued his advocacy for the sanctity
24 of the bond and relationship between the land and its people, effectively

1 lobbied for funds to establish a subcommittee to study and review federal
2 land takings after World War II, which subcommittee ultimately implemented
3 and initiated the Land Claims Case handled by Attorney John Bohn. From
4 this study came a subcommittee comprised of Senators Richard F. Taitano,
5 Edward S. Terlaje and G. Ricardo Salas which hired Attorney John Bohn to
6 handle the Land Claims Case; and

7 **WHEREAS**, because of his love of the island environment and the sea,
8 and firmly believing in the close bond between the *Chamorro* people and their
9 ocean resources, the Honorable Paul J. Bordallo, during his tenure in the
10 Eleventh (11th) and Twelfth (12th) Guam Legislatures, authored and managed
11 enactment of important laws, including the Territorial Seashore Protection Act
12 of 1974, and Open Beach Law, which provide for the protection, effective
13 management and conservation of Guam's reefs, marine resources and
14 territorial shores; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in the Twelfth (12th) Guam Legislature, the Honorable
16 Senators Paul J. Bordallo and Frank G. Lujan authored legislation creating the
17 first Guam Political Status Commission to identify a new, more appropriate
18 and more effective political relationship between Guam and the United States;
19 and, in 1983, was appointed by his brother, the late Governor Ricardo J.
20 Bordallo as a member of the Guam Commission on Self-Determination where
21 he advocated for the *Chamorro* people's right to determine its their own
22 political future and redefine their relationship with the federal government
23 and other sovereign nations; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Paul J. Bordallo believed in and was an avid
2 advocate of the principle that *“governments are instituted among men,*
3 *deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”* and that the
4 *Chamorro* people have not been afforded the opportunity to exercise their
5 inalienable right to consent to be governed; now, therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
7 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize, commends and
8 memorializes the outstanding contributions, legacy and services of the late
9 Honorable Paul J. Bordallo, former Senator, and on behalf of the people of
10 Guam, extends sincere condolences to the Bordallo Family; and be it further

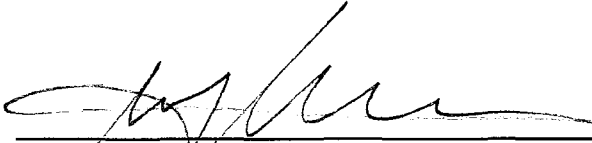
11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby
12 authorize the payment of funeral expenses for said state memorial services,
13 such expenditures *not* to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and be it
14 further

15 **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to §419 of Title 1 of the Guam Code
16 Annotated, *I Mina’Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* will convene in a State
17 Memorial Service on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 9:45 a.m., to honor and
18 memorialize the public service and accomplishments of the late Honorable
19 Paul J. Bordallo, former Senator; and be it further

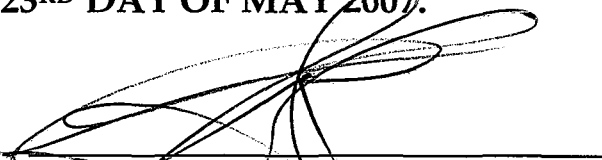
20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
22 thereafter transmitted to his wife Arlene Perez Bordallo; to his children:
23 Penelope Hofschneider, Oliver, Renata, Jonathan, Paul, Alethea and Rosa; to

- 1 the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
- 2 Congress; 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 23RD DAY OF MAY 2007.



MARK FORBES
Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature