

I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing the accomplishments of the Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc., and congratulating them during the Second Annual AARP Month, September 2007.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus and a group of founding directors were
4 members of the National Retired Teacher's Association incorporated on July 1, 1958
5 in Washington, D.C., then known as the American Association of Retired
6 Persons(AARP), established as a national organization representing the interests of
7 older Americans; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Andrus, the Association’s first President, approved the
2 application for recognition of the first AARP Chapter in Youngstown, Arizona in
3 September 1960 with one hundred (100) Chapters formed by the end of 1961. The
4 Guam Chapter 4837 organized in 1984 and Chartered in 1994. Nationally, AARP
5 comprises over thirty nine million (39,000,000) members with more than two
6 thousand nine hundred (2,900) AARP Chapters; and

7 **WHEREAS**, “To serve and not to be served” is the AARP motto whose
8 Chapter By Laws stress community service, an active and useful life, self-
9 actualization and development, and a commitment to the ideals of AARP; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Chapter’s mission is to represent AARP at the local level,
11 providing a link between members, communities and the Association’s programs and
12 services, and its leadership and commitment to volunteerism is an invaluable resource
13 in strengthening the Association and making communities better places to live and
14 work for all people; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Chapter’s goals and objectives are set across a wide range of
16 functions, which include community service, leadership, communication, recruitment,
17 fellowship, advocacy and education; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the role of the Chapters is a legal, chartered entity of the
19 Association, a face and heart for AARP in the local community best expressed in the
20 words of the Association’s founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus: “AARP has promoted
21 the initiation and development of local volunteer chapters...for those members who
22 favor the goals of individual growth and service to self, to fellow members and to the
23 community in general”; and

24 **WHEREAS**, AARP began to standardize the various operating rules and
25 procedures for its Chapters in the mid 1960’s, and in 1965, the AARP Board of

1 Directors developed the AARP Chapter By Laws, an important step in unifying the
2 young organization into a viable national Association; and

3 **WHEREAS**, today’s AARP’s dynamic force would not have been attained
4 without its “three great goals” and the Chapters’ participation support. The “three (3)
5 great goals” identified by Mr. Bill Novelli, AARP Executive Director and Chief
6 Executive Officer, for the Association, its units and leaders are: (1) to be the most
7 successful and acknowledged organization in America for positive social change; (2)
8 to deliver on our promise to each member: to help them make their own choices, reach
9 their goals and dreams, and make the most of life after fifty (50); and (3) AARP will
10 be a world leader in global aging; and

11 **WHEREAS**, AARP continues to adapt and grow as an organization built on a
12 history of understanding, representing and meeting the needs, shaping and enriching
13 the experience of aging for each member, for society at large and as a direct link to the
14 local community. AARP Chapters remain well positioned to play a vital role in the
15 Association’s ongoing success; and

16 **WHEREAS**, as AARP has grown, so have opportunities for service within the
17 Association. AARP Chapters are now part of an extensive network of programs and
18 activities conducted primarily by members and volunteers at the local, community and
19 state levels; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc. is the recipient of the 2007
21 Annual AARP Chapter Community Service Award for projects initiated in 2006,
22 including the proclamation of September by I Maga’lahen Guåhan as AARP Chapter
23 Month with Mr. Mark Chapman, Associate Director of AARP Western Region, as
24 keynote speaker during their banquet; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Chapter sponsored and invited Republican and Democratic
2 Party Gubernatorial and Lieutenant Governor candidates to a Gubernatorial Debate
3 during the 2006 Campaign period; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Vinancio Atalig, current Chapter President, was instrumental
5 in successfully bringing the AARP Medicare Supplemental Plan in 2003 and in July
6 of 2007, the AARP Life Insurance Plan available to Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc.
7 members; and

8 **WHEREAS**, AARP now has offices in each of the fifty (50) states, the District
9 of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands. Together, states and chapters
10 provide a highly visible, positive image of the Association regionally and locally,
11 working in tandem to carry out AARP's advocacy, education and service
12 responsibilities; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
14 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc. and
15 congratulate the organization during AARP Month, September 2007; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
17 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
18 Mr. Leland White, AARP Regional Director; Mr. Vinancio Atalig, President, Guam
19 Chapter 4837, AARP, Inc.; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'láhen
20 Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007.



EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Acting Speaker



RAY TENORIO
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature