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Resolution No. 2008-19
Introduced by:

R.B. Camacho
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AMIM General Membership

RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 FARM BILL IN REFERENCE TO THE CROP INSURANCE NOW BEING ASSESSES TO ALL FARMERS BY THE FARMER'S SERVICES AGENCY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 16TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

WHEREAS, § 12028, HR 2419, now known as 2008 Farm Bill has raised the crop insurance assessed to all bonafide, registered, farmers from a fee of \$300.00 to \$750.00; and

WHEREAS, the farmers of Guam and CNMI will be financially burdened by this new fee; and

WEHREAS, the Farmers Services Agency has no recourse to lower or waive this new fee without an amendment to § 12028, HR 2419; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AMIM hereby supports and respectfully requests Congresswoman Madeline Z. Bordallo to introduce legislation in the U.S. Congress amending § 12028, HR 2419, now known as 2008 Farm Bill to lower or exempt the farmers of Guam and CNMI from this new \$750.00 fee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment is necessary due to all farmers on Guam and CNMI being geographically disadvantaged as compared to other farmers in the continental United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment will further enhance and support the efforts and production of all bonafide, registered farmers in Guam and CNMI, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of AMIM certify, and the Vice President of the AMIM, attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Pete P. Reyes, President of the CNMI Senate, the Honorable Gregorio C. Sablan, Delegate-Elect of the CNMI, the Honorable Arnold Palacios, Speaker of the CNMI Legislature; to Guam's Delegate to Congress, the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'Lahen Guàhan*, the Honorable Judith P. Won Pat, Speaker of the Guam Legislature;

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE AMIM SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2008, IN TATACHOG, ROTA MP.

Certified by:

Attested by:

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Mayor Melissa B. Savares
PRESIDENT

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Councilman Vicente M. Calvo
VICE PRESIDENT

