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Resolution No. 2008-22
Introduced by:

J.T. Terlaje
Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources
And All AMIM Members

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN VARIOUS FORMATS AND LANGUAGES IN REFERENCES TO THE EXISTING LAWS GOVERNING THE PROTECTION AND/OR RETRIEVAL OF INDIGENOUS ARTIFACTS, ORGANISMS, OR PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND CNMI EITHER ON LAND OR SEA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 16TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

WHEREAS, the islands of Guam and CNMI have and will continue to be inhabited by people of other cultures, beliefs, languages and practices; and

WHEREAS, it is continually becoming more difficult to orientate and familiarize other nationalities of existing laws and statutes regarding indigenous artifacts, organisms, and property belonging to the people of Guam and CNMI either on land or sea; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AMIM hereby requests the United States Government and the local enforcement agencies of Guam and the CNMI to create educational programs in various languages that are specific to what can be and cannot be retrieved, harvested, taken, eaten, used as far as indigenous artifacts, organisms, or items are concerned; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AMIM requests for this educational program in order to protect and preserve all indigenous items, artifacts, organisms and property for the benefit of future generations, and for perpetuity; 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 Guáhan*, 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

