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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
Mina Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96932

Dear Madam Speaker,

Buenas yan Hafa Adai! Transmitted herewith for your information and file are copies of Resolution Nos. 2013-001, 2013-005, 2013-007, and 2013-008, adopted by the members of the Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors & Elected Municipal Council Members (AMIM). The aforementioned Resolutions are as follows:

Resolution No. 2013-001 Relative To Requesting The Guam Department Of Agriculture Establish And Create A "Local" Meat Industry And The Purchase Of A USDA Certified Mobil Slaughter Unit;

Resolution No. 2013-005 Relative To Guam And The CNMI Uniting As One Body As It Relates To Governmental Affairs;

Resolution No. 2013-007 Relative To Create A Task Force Between Guam/CNMI Agencies To Address The Bio-Security Of Invasive Species And Viruses On Produce, Plants, Seeds And Animals For Exportation;

Resolution No. 2013-008 Relative To Requesting Guam Airport Authority Board Of Directors To Re-Open The Antonio B. Won Pat Guam Commuter Terminal For Travel Within The Marianas;

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter. If you should have any questions or comments relative to the above resolutions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

ANGEL R. SABLAN
Executive Director

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Resolution No.
Introduced By:

AMIM 2013-001
Mayor Vicente Taltague
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Mayor Robert Hofmann
Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz
Councilman Antonio SN Borja

Committee on Economic Development

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ESTABLISH AND CREATE A "LOCAL" MEAT INDUSTRY AND THE PURCHASE OF A USDA CERTIFIED MOBIL SLAUGHTER UNIT.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 20th GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

WHEREAS, the meat processing industry has become more consolidated in recent years, resulting in the closure of many small processing plants across the United States, small family farmers who wish to market their livestock directly to consumers, restaurants and local stores often do not have USDA inspected processing facilities available within a practical distance; and

WHEREAS, local farmers are raising cattle, pigs and poultry and have asked the various Mayors of Guam for assistance in kick starting the industry, the new industry for the island will create cheaper prices, provide fresh products, help the local economy and is inline with the "Buy Local" campaign; and

WHEREAS, instead of trucking livestock to a processing facility, mobile slaughter allows the processing trailer to travel to the livestock, a concept that has potential to localize the food system while being more humane for the animals; and

WHEREAS, providing small scale processing with mobile units is an important component in rebuilding local and regional sustainable food systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mobile Slaughter Unit must meet all USDA requirements — including for humane treatment of livestock — offering farmers the certification necessary to reach the broadest spectrum of markets in which to sell their products, the AMIM envisions a network of docking sites throughout the island of Guam providing farmers ready access to high quality and humane processing; and and

WHEREAS, it is the long-term goal of the program for communities to develop docking sites that will also function as "nodes" where a number of "community food enterprises" (CFEs) could be clustered, facilitating ease of marketing and distribution while also offering new areas of business growth for those communities and the CFEs may include meat aging and butchering facilities, cold storage for fruits and vegetables, and community kitchens for value-added products; and

WHEREAS, studies of livestock farming on Guam where small and mid-sized farms are geographically dispersed have shown that many farmers would increase their herds if they knew that they had readier access to processing services and the more pastured livestock, the more viable the producers, resulting in a greater contribution to local economies and the better opportunity to maintain a high-quality landscape; and

WHEREAS, the costs of building a brick and mortar processing facilities and plants are very high and at this time the smaller scale livestock production characteristic of our island is benefited more by a mobile plant than a singular site both for the convenience of the farmer and the economic viability of the plant; and

WHEREAS, as one of the trends in the food industry is the "local, traceable, sustainably raised products and the creation of the mobile unit will feed the demand from the industry, adopting the slogan "Raised by your neighbor, enjoyed by you"; and

WHEREAS, financial grants, incentives and technical assistance programs are available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Interior and the AMIM respectfully requests the department acts accordingly; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AMIM is requesting the Guam Department of Agriculture establish and create a "local" meat industry and the purchase of a USDA certified Mobil Slaughter Unit, let it be further

RESOLVED, that the resolution be given to both the Governor of Guam and the 32nd Guam Legislature

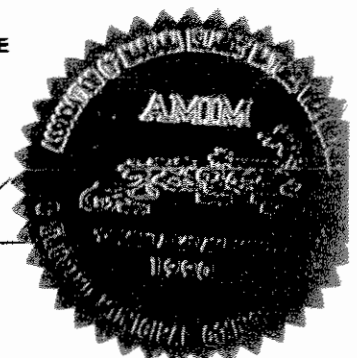
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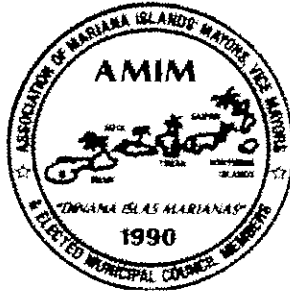
Certified By:

Mayor Melchor Mandiola
President

Attested By:

Mayor Jessie Gogue
Secretary





Resolution No. **AMIM 2013- 005**
Introduced By: **Mayor Vicente Gumataotao**
Mayor Rudy Matanane
Vice Mayor Austin Quintanilla
Vice Mayor Kenneth Santos
Mayor Johnny Quinata
Vice Mayor Anthony Sanchez

Committee on Socio-Cultural Development

RELATIVE TO GUAM AND THE CNMI UNITING AS ONE BODY AS IT RELATES TO GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 20TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

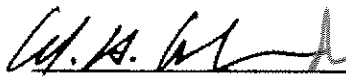
WHEREAS, now, more than ever, there is continuing whispers, conversations, and debate about the unification of Guam and the CNMI as one Marianas; and

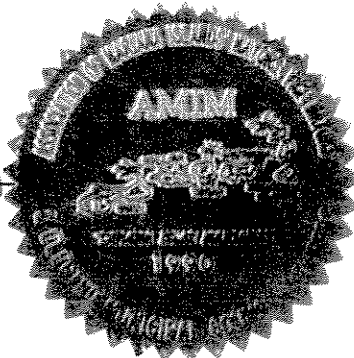
WHEREAS, the Legislatures of Guam and the CNMI will be in active talks through the calling of an "integrated" session to discuss amongst other things, the unification of Guam and the CNMI as one body as it relates to governmental affairs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AMIM President certified to and the AMIM Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Speaker of I Mina Trenta Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan, the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the CNMI House of Representatives, and the Governors of Guam and the CNMI.

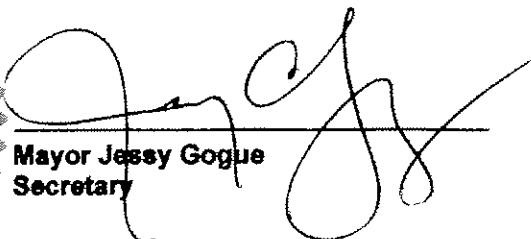
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Attested By:


Mayor Jessie Gogue
Secretary



Resolution No. **AMIM 2013- 007**
Introduced By: **Mayor Melissa Savares**
Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista
Mayor June Blas
Mayor Dale Alvarez
Councilman Estevan Cabrera
Councilman Gardner Barcinas
Mayor John Cruz
Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz

Committee on Governmental Affairs

RELATIVE TO CREATE A TASK FORCE BETWEEN GUAM/CNMI AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THE BIO-SECURITY OF INVASIVE SPECIES AND VIRUSES ON PRODUCE, PLANTS, SEEDS AND ANIMALS FOR EXPORTATION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 20TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

WHEREAS, Guam, CNMI Agencies will meet to allow for import of produce, plants, seeds and livestock;

WHEREAS, Task force will develop a process to allow above goods to enter Guam and CNMI provided inspections for invasive species (ie: snakes, rhino beetles, fruit flies, etc.) and viruses; are completed

WHEREAS, Task force must provide an update to Governor's Office (Guam/CNMI and members of AMIM on a semi-annual basis, now therefore be it

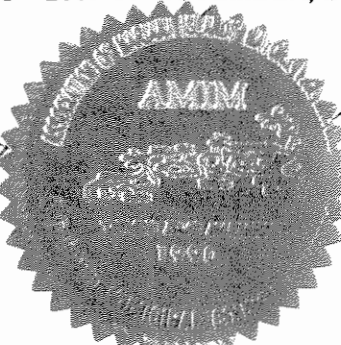
RESOLVED, that members of the AMIM request the Governor's of Guam and the CNMI bring together agencies and departments to address these above-mentioned concerns of the people of Guam and the CNMI; be it further

RESOLVED, that the AMIM President certified to and the AMIM Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Department of Agriculture, Customs and Quarantine and Natural Resources, and to the Speaker of I Mina Trenta Dos Na Liheslaturan Guahan, the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the CNMI House of Representatives, and the Governors of Guam and the CNMI and other agencies

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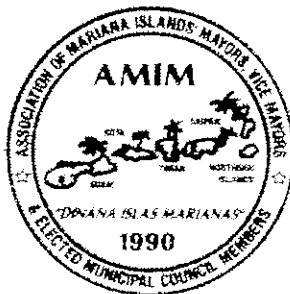
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President



Attested By:

Mayor Jessy Gogue
Secretary



Resolution No.
Introduced By:

AMIM 2013-008
Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz
Mayor Vicente Taitague
Councilman George Hocog
Mayor Robert Hofmann
Councilman Antonio SN Borja

Committee on Economic Development

RELATIVE TO REQUESTING GUAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RE-OPEN THE ANTONIO B. WONPAT GUAM COMMUTER TERMINAL FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THE MARIANAS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 20th GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

WHEREAS, we feel that the re-establishment of the commuter terminal will help increase travel and reduce the wait times associated with security clearances; and

WHEREAS, the AMIM fully supports and request the Guam Economic Development and Commerce Authority to revisit Guam Public Law 24-254 introduced and signed into law on August 3, 1998 "An Act to Add Chapter 80 to Title 12 of Guam Code Annotated, relative to establishing economic incentives to enhance and improve Guam's Local Commuter Air Services" which will open the doors to future public-private partnerships in the local commuter airline industry; and

WHEREAS, in these times of economic changes, it is vital that air service be maintained between the various islands of our ocean homes, in order to strengthen regional interaction and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the demise of the other commuter carriers that have started and later shut down were, for the most part, caused by relatively high fees and charges commuter carriers have to pay to airport authorities and Government agencies.

WHEREAS, the AMIM finds that since 1961 Guam has had approximately eighteen (18) commuter air service providers serving Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

At the present time, the only local commuter air service that remains in operation is Aviation Services Ltd., dba Freedom Air and this commuter air service provider has expanded its operation within the tourism industry, surveys and enforcement flights for the Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, and private and government photograph and mapping flights.

It is the intent of the association to promote and enhance local entrepreneurship within the commuter air service industry by providing government tax exemptions and incentives; and

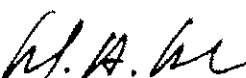
WHEREAS, the association further finds that through these tax breaks and incentives it will stimulate regional travel, enhanced local imports and export activities in agriculture, aquaculture, and other economic activities beneficial to the people of Guam and the CNMI; and

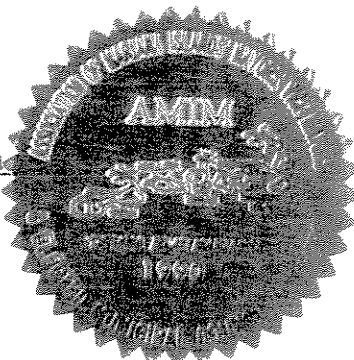
WHEREAS, the current rules and regulations make it difficult and not attractive to residents of Guam or the CNMI to travel inter-island because of the high cost of airport user fees, taxes, customs fees and security fees; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AMIM President certified to and the AMIM Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Board of Directors of the Guam International Airport Authority, and to the Speaker of I Mina Trenta Dos Na Lihesiaturan Guahan, the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the CNMI House of Representatives, and the Governors of Guam and the CNMI and other agencies

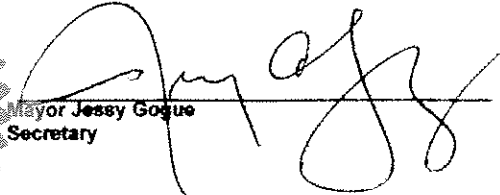
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