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Office of the Speaker  
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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
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Dear Madam Speaker,

*Buenas yan Hafa Adai!* Transmitted herewith for your information and file are copies of Resolution Nos. 2016-23-01, 2016-23-02, 2016-23-03, 2016-23-05, 2016-23-06, 2016-23-07, and 2016-23-08 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. 2016-23-01** Relative To Reserving Vendor Stalls At Agat Night Market, Dededo Flea Market, Mangilao Night Market And Liberation Day Carnival Grounds In Guam, Free Of Charge, For The Use Of Vendors From The CNMI;

**Resolution No. 2016-23-02** Relative To Promoting CNMI Cultural Activities And Events In All Villages Of Guam Through Publication In Available Guam Media;

**Resolution No. 2016-23-03** Relative To Requesting The Governors Of Guam And The Commonwealth Of The Northern Mariana Islands To Hold A Non-Binding Referendum In 2018 Regarding The Question On The Reunification Of The Mariana Islands;

**Resolution No. 2016-23-05** Relative To Urging The Guam Department Of Chamorro Affairs And The CNMI Office Of Cultural Affairs To Join As "One Voice And One Marianas" In Celebrating Each Of Our Island's Art And Cultural Festivals Annually But On Different Dates So Our People Can Travel Amongst The Islands To Partake In Such Festivals And To Establish A "Taga Day" In Honor Of The Ancestor Responsible For The Presence Of Latte Stones In The Marianas;

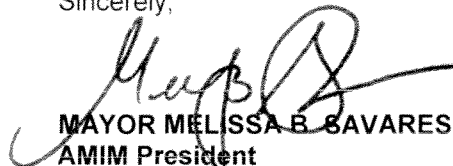
**Resolution No. 2016-23-06** Relative To Preserving And Protecting Our Native Plants That Provide Sustenance And Living Environment For The Aticidula (A Plant Growing Along The Coastal Areas Of Guam And CNMI);

**Resolution No. 2016-23-07** Relative To Establishing An "Erosion Control Program/Regulations" For The Mariana Islands To Preserve Our Coastal Areas, Reefs And Construction Sites;

**Resolution No. 2016-23-08** Relative To Allowing The Importation Of "3 Year Coconut Trees" Due To Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Infestation.

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,

  
MAYOR MELISSA B. SAVARES  
AMIM President

cc: File/Chrono

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**Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-01**

**Introduced By:** Economic Development Committee  
Chairman George O. Hocog, Rota Vice Chairwoman Alicia S. Igitol, Saipan  
Vice Chairman Roman M. Calvo, Rota Secretary Edwin M. Hofschneider, Tinian  
**ALL AMIM MEMBERS**

**RELATIVE TO RESERVING VENDOR STALLS AT AGAT NIGHT MARKET, DEDEDO FLEA MARKET, MANGILAO NIGHT MARKET AND LIBERATON DAY CARNIVAL GROUNDS IN GUAM, FREE OF CHARGE, FOR THE USE OF VENDORS FROM THE CNMI.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, AMIM will organize and facilitate in taking the lead to reserve vendor stalls at the Agat Night Market, Dededo flea market, Mangilao Night Market and Liberation Day carnival grounds for the use of CNMI; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative will provide an outlet for CNMI residents and vendors to market local produce or arts and crafts; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative will improve the business opportunities and the quality of life for the interested vendors from the CNMI; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that the AMIM will urgently take the lead in following through with this initiative immediately; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Vice President attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to *I Maga Låhen Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress, and to the President of the Guam Farmers Coop, to the Mayor of Agat, Mayor of Dededo, Mayor of Mangilao and to the Chairperson of the Guam Liberation Day Festivities.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE AMIM TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016, IN HAGATÑA, GUAM**

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**MAYOR MELISSA B. SAVARES**  
President

**Attested By:**

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**Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-02**

**Introduced By: Economic Development Committee**

Chairman George O. Hocog, Rota  
Vice Chairman Roman M. Calvo, Rota  
**All AMIM MEMBERS**

Vice Chairwoman Alicia S. Igitol, Saipan  
Secretary Edwin M. Hofschneider, Tinian

**RELATIVE TO PROMOTING CNMI CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN ALL VILLAGES OF GUAM THROUGH PUBLICATION IN AVAILABLE GUAM MEDIA.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of AMIM to allow our people of all the islands to share in its diversity and commonalities; and

**WHEREAS**, many festivals and events are held at different times of the year; and

**WHEREAS**, these activities and events are meant to be open to all the people of the Marianas; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that the CNMI should publish these events in any media of public distribution in Guam; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that these events should also be posted in the village news published weekly in Guam's media outlets; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Vice President attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to *I Maga Låhen Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress, the publishers of the Pacific Daily News and The Post, and the managers of KUAM and Sorensen Broadcasting.

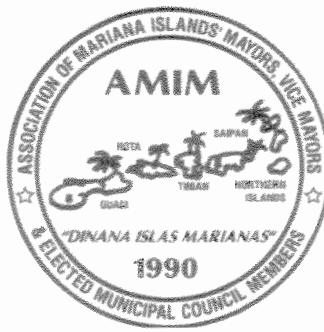
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**Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-03**

**Introduced By: Governmental Affairs Committee**

Mayor Melissa B. Savares, Dededo  
Mayor Rudy M. Matanane, Yigo  
Mayor Robert R.D.C. Hofmann, Sinajana  
**ALL AMIM MEMBERS**

Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, Tinian  
Mayor John A. Cruz, Hagatna  
Mayor Jessy C. Gogue, Chalan Pago-Ordot

**RELATIVE TO REQUESTING THE GOVERNORS OF GUAM AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO HOLD A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM IN 2018 REGARDING THE QUESTION ON THE REUNIFICATION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, the first people of the Mariana Islands immigrated at some point between 4000 BC and 2000 BC from Southeast Asia and after the first contact with Spaniards, they eventually became known as the Chamorros, a Spanish word similar to Chamori, the name of the indigenous caste system's higher division; and

**WHEREAS**, the ancient people of the Marianas raised colonnades of megalithic capped pillars called latte stones upon which they built their homes and the Spanish reported that by the time of their arrival, the largest of these were already in ruins, and that the Chamorros believed the ancestors who had erected the pillars lived in an era when people possessed supernatural abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Archeologists in 2013 posited that the first people to settle in the Marianas may have made what was at that point the longest uninterrupted ocean-crossing voyage in human history, and that archeological evidence indicates Tinian may have been the first Pacific island outside of Asia to have been settled; and

**WHEREAS**, after its loss during the Spanish–American War of 1898, Spain ceded Guam to the United States and sold the remainder of the Marianas (i.e., the Northern Marianas), along with the Caroline Islands, to Germany under the German–Spanish Treaty of 1899, and

**WHEREAS**, Germany administered the islands as part of its colony of German New Guinea and did little in terms of development; and

**WHEREAS**, Early in World War I, Japan declared war on Germany and invaded the Northern Marianas. In 1919, the League of Nations awarded all of Germany's islands in the Pacific Ocean located north of the Equator, including the Northern Marianas, under mandate to Japan. Under this arrangement, the Japanese thus administered the Northern Marianas as part of the South Pacific Mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 8, 1941, hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese forces from the Marianas launched an invasion of Guam and Chamorros from the Northern Marianas, which had been under Japanese rule for more than 20 years, were brought to Guam to assist the Japanese administration and this,

combined with the harsh treatment of Guamanian Chamorros during the 31-month occupation, created a rift that would become the main reason Guamanians rejected the reunification referendum approved by the Northern Marianas in the 1960s; and

**WHEREAS;** after Japan's defeat in World War II, the Northern Marianas were administered by the United States pursuant to Security Council Resolution 21 as part of the United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, which gave responsibility for defense and foreign affairs to the United States. Four referenda offering integration with Guam or changes to the islands' status were held in 1958, 1961, 1963 and 1969 and on each occasion, a majority voted in favor of integration with Guam. But this did not happen: Guam rejected integration in a 1969 referendum and the people of the Northern Mariana Islands decided in the 1970s not to seek independence, but instead to forge closer links with the United States and negotiations for territorial status began in 1972 and a covenant to establish a commonwealth in political union with the United States was approved in a 1975 referendum and new government and constitution came into effect in 1978 after being approved in a 1977 referendum and the United Nations approved this arrangement pursuant to Security Council Resolution 683; and

**WHEREAS;** the AMIM feel it is time to create a joint commission on political status with the help of assistance of the University of Guam, the Guam Community College and the Northern Mariana College to study the financial and legal impacts of having two different governments for the same people, having more in common within their historical heritage than is different with some solid numbers in hand, perhaps it would be time to once again address the question: Shall the Mariana Islands be reunified?; and

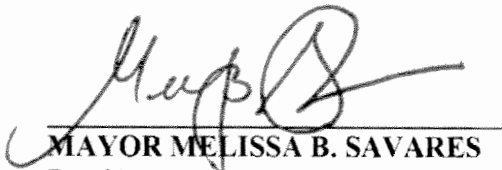
**WHEREAS;** it is the AMIM desire to request our respective executive branch leaders to organize and host a referendum at the next general election guided by town halls, public input and testimony and comprehensive educational studies and reports on the benefits and drawback of reunification; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED;** AMIM requests the governors of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold a non-binding referendum in 2018 regarding the questions on the reunification of the Mariana Islands; *and be it further*

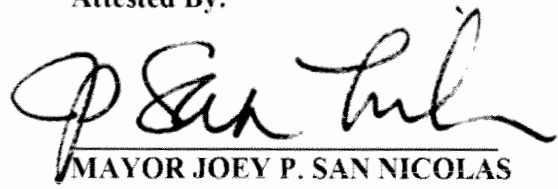
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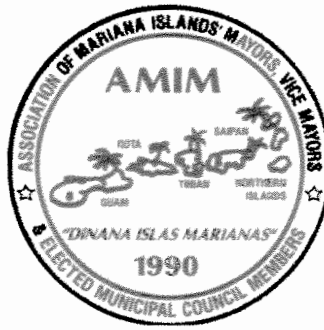
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President

**Attested By:**

  
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Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-05

**Introduced By: Socio-Cultural Development Committee**

Mayor Paul M. McDonald, Agana Heights  
Vice Chairwoman Alice S. Igitol, Saipan  
Mayor June U. Blas, Barrigada  
Mayor Rudy M. Matanane, Yigo

Mayor Efraim M. Atalig, Rota  
Mayor Johnny A. Quinata, Umatac  
Chairwoman Antonia M. Tudela, Saipan

**ALL AMIM MEMBERS**

**RELATIVE TO URGING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORRO AFFAIRS AND THE CNMI OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS TO JOIN AS “ONE VOICE AND ONE MARIANAS” IN CELEBRATING EACH OF OUR ISLAND’S ART AND CULTURAL FESTIVALS ANNUALLY BUT ON DIFFERENT DATES SO OUR PEOPLE CAN TRAVEL AMONGST THE ISLANDS TO PARTAKE IN SUCH FESTIVALS AND TO ESTABLISH A “TAGA DAY” IN HONOR OF THE ANCESTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENCE OF LATTE STONES IN THE MARIANAS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, the icon of the Marianas is the Latte Stone of which the tallest and largest are found on the island of Tinian; and

**WHEREAS**, through history and legends told in the Marianas, the Latte Stone is considered “sacred” to many of our ancestors; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that a special day be set aside annually to celebrate and recognize TAGA; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that all islands of the Northern Marianas celebrate this day at different times to allow our people and visitors to experience each island’s expression of its history; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Vice President attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to *I Maga Låhen Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress.

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**Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-06**

**Introduced By: Environmental and Natural Resources Committee**

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Vice Mayor Kevin T. Susuico, Agat  
Mayor Rudy M. Matanane, Yigo

Vice Mayor Jessie P. Bautista, Barrigada  
Chairman George O. Hocog, Rota  
Mayor J. Margaret C. Blas, Asan-Maina

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**RELATIVE TO PRESERVING AND PROTECTING OUR NATIVE PLANTS THAT PROVIDE SUSTENANCE AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ATICIDULA (A PLANT GROWING ALONG THE COASTAL AREAS OF GUAM AND CNMI)**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, preserving native plant ecosystems is critical for protecting wildlife, fish and water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of our environment will allow our children and grandchildren to understand and learn about our history and our surroundings; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to *I Maga Låhen Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress.

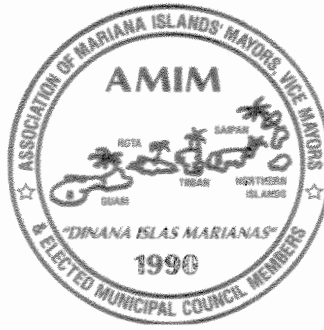
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Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-07

**Introduced By:** Environmental and Natural Resources Committee  
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Vice Mayor Kevin T. Susuico, Agat Chairman George O. Hocog, Rota  
Mayor Rudy M. Matanane, Yigo Mayor J. Margaret C. Blas, Asan-Maina  
**ALL AMIM MEMBERS**

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AN "EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM/REGULATIONS" FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS TO PRESERVE OUR COASTAL AREAS, REEFS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, preserving our existing vegetation serves as conservation buffers along streams, roads and fence lines; and

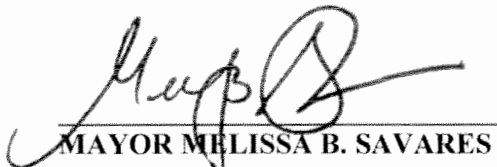
**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to work collaboratively with the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop an erosion control plan; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that contractors who are associated with projects that deal with erosion and removal of flora and fauna to incorporate temporary erosion control measures into their building plans to address such erosion or removal of flora and fauna; *and be it further*

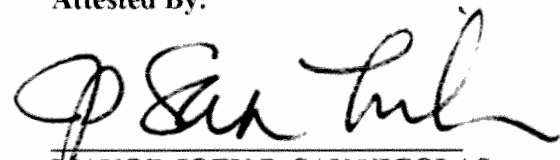
**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Vice President attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to *I Magsa Låhen Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress.

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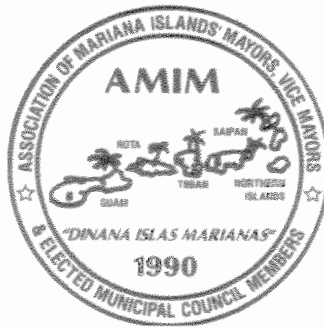
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Resolution No. AMIM 2016-23-08

**Introduced By:** Environmental and Natural Resources Committee

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Mayor Rudy M. Matanane, Yigo  
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Mayor J. Margaret C. Blas, Asan-Maina

**RELATIVE TO ALLOWING THE IMPORTATION OF “3 YEAR COCONUT TREES” DUE TO COCONUT RHINOCEROUS BEETLE INFESTATION.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMIM 23<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

**WHEREAS**, to formulate and implement an accelerated coconut replanting program aimed at increasing farm productivity to include rehabilitation of existing coconut trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the coconut tree, known as the “tree of life” is quickly being destroyed by the invasive species Rhinoceros Beetle; and

**WHEREAS**, if this destruction is allowed to continue, there will be no “tree of life” left on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the islands of the Northern Marianas have an abundance of coconut trees including the 3-year coconut trees; *now, therefore be it*

**RESOLVED**, that AMIM expresses its support to any policy or regulation that will allow the importation of the 3 year coconut tree into Guam from the Northern Marianas; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that Guam’s Department of Agriculture and Guam’s Customs and Quarantine Agency work in cooperation and support of each other to make the importation a reality; *and be it further*

**RESOLVED**, that the President certify to and the Vice President attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of *I Mina Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*; and to *I Maga Låhen Guåhan*, and to the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands and the President of the CNMI Senate, the Speaker of the Legislature of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam Delegate and CNMI Delegate to the U.S. Congress.

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