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Relative to congratulating Don Don Donki "Donki Village" on the grand opening of their Guam branch in the Municipality of Tamuning, Guam, and to extending to their owners and tenants a sincere *un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'ase'* for believing and investing in the People and Island of Guam.

BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the people of this great island to honor individuals and businesses who contribute to the quality of life of all who call Guam home. From time to time, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* takes note of these private citizens and entrepreneurs to publicly acknowledge the time, energy, and resources they've contributed to strengthening our families and island economy; and

WHEREAS, Don Don Donki "Donki Village" of Guam is the newest of dozens of overseas locations of the Donki retail chain. Don Don Donki is affiliated with Don Quijote, Japan's biggest discount store, and the Guam branch comprises an estimated 160,000 square feet, with grocery sales and a food court with in-house restaurants. Other Donki's are located in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Macau,

Taiwan, Thailand, and Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Donki is owned by Pan Pacific International Holdings Corp.

2 founded by Takao Yasuda in 1980. Pan Pacific International Holdings Corp. owns

hundreds of stores in Japan that operate under various brand names and offer specific

4 shopping experiences; and

WHEREAS, "Donki" is the Japanese name for Don Quijote, the protagonist of the epic Spanish novel of the same name written in the early 1600's by Migel de Cervantes that is considered one of the greatest literary works of all time; and

WHEREAS, Yasuda-san chose the Donki name because in the Cervantes novel Don Quijote defied convention and bravely faced challenges and the goal of the shopping chain is to do the same in the retail industry; and

WHEREAS, the project to build the Don Donki "Donki Village" broke ground in February 2020, marking the beginning of the construction of a 270,000 square foot facility and serving as one of the largest Donki retail store across the world; and

WHEREAS, an opening date for September 2021 had been announced but was postponed due to the COVID-19 global health emergency, with the re-scheduled opening of summer of 2023 further held off due to the effects of Typhoon Mawar in May 2023; and

WHEREAS, despite all the odds brought forth by natural calamities, the opening of the Don Don Donki "Donki Village" marks a culmination of a 4-year long project that has afforded greater employment opportunities for the people of Guam during the construction phase and will undoubtedly provide more substantial career opportunities for the people of Guam with the operation of their much-beloved and highly-anticipated retail store; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of Donki to Guam is especially significant because the chain represents two cultures that have shaped Guam's history over the past 500 years. Beyond creating new employment and business opportunities, the grand

- opening of Don Don Donki "Donki Village" in Guam is a moment for all of Guam
- 2 families to celebrate the strong social, cultural, and economic relationships between
- 3 Guam and Japan; and therefore, be it
- 4 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
- on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate Don Don Donki "Donki Village" on
- 6 their grand opening in the Municipality of Tamuning, Guam, and extend to their
- 7 owners and tenants a sincere un dangkulo na si Yu'os ma'ase' for investing and
- 8 believing in the People and Island of Guam; and be it further
- 9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
- the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
- owners of Don Don Donki "Donki Village", and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
- 12 Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

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