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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the International Network of Women Against Militarism on its Seventh (7th) Annual Meeting held on Guam, with the theme, "Resistance, Resilience, and Respect for Human Rights/Chinemma', Nina'maolek, yan Inarespetu para Direchon Taotao".

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

2 GUÅHAN:

- 3 WHEREAS, this year, women of Guam have organized with women
- 4 from various groups throughout Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hawaii, the
- 5 Philippines, Australia, the Republic of Belau, the Republic of the Marshall
- 6 Islands, Saipan, Puerto Rico and the United States to host "Resistance,
- 7 Resilience, and Respect for Human Rights/Chinemma', Nina'maolek, yan
- 8 Inarespetu para Direction Taotao," a five (5) day conference (September 14 to 19,
- 9 2009) in Guam that aims to educate and organize around the impact of the
- 10 military presence in our respective homelands; and
- 11 WHEREAS, women across the globe have endured tremendous
- 12 struggles to protect their families and survive during times of war and unrest;
- 13 and
- 14 WHEREAS, it is from these struggles that women have gained the
- 15 strength to fight for peace; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Guam has been burdened by a strong presence of U.S.
- 17 military forces for more than one hundred (100) years; and
- 18 WHEREAS, today, the U.S. military occupies nearly one-third of
- 19 Guam's land, and its people are now faced with an unprecedented military
- 20 build-up as the U.S. plans to move seventeen thousand (17,000) Marines and
- 21 their dependents from Okinawa to Guam; and
- WHEREAS, the conference comes at a critical time in Guam's history,

- 1 and aims to bring international attention to the concerns being raised about
- 2 the proposed military expansion; and
- WHEREAS, this conference supports the collaboration of women who
- 4 are and have been active in our communities to work towards the genuine
- 5 security of all of those affected by the presence of U.S. military forces in our
- 6 countries, in particular to ensure the safety, well-being, and long-term
- 7 sustainability of our communities; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the conference features workshops and public forums on
- 9 human trafficking and prostitution; political arrangements with the United
- 10 States; rethinking peace and security; exploring alternatives for economic
- 11 sustainability; environmental contamination and toxicity, and much more;
- 12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, the sponsoring organizations of the conference include:
- 14 Conscious Living; Famoksaiyan; Fuetsan Famalao'an; the Guåhan Coalition for
- 15 Peace and Justice; Guåhan Indigenous Collective; the GUÅHAN Project; the
- 16 Global Fund for Women; the Office of Minority Health Resource Center; Sage
- 17 Project, Incorporated; and the Women and Gender Studies Program,
- 18 University of Guam; now, therefore, be it
- 19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
- 20 behalf of the people of Guam, extend its appreciation and congratulations to
- 21 the International Network of Women Against Militarism on its seventh (7th)
- 22 Annual Meeting held on Guam; and be it further

- 1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
- 2 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
- 3 transmitted to conference participants; and to the Honorable Felix P.
- 4 Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 11TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary