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Relative to commending and congratulating the worldwide members of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) on their tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world peace, and to congratulating the members of SGI-USA, Guam, on the Thirty-fifth (35th) Anniversary of the founding of SGI.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I**
2 ***MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS**, in response to the needs of an increasingly global
4 community of Soka Gakkai members, the Soka Gakkai International (SGI) was
5 formed in Guam on January 26, 1975, and on the same day thirty-five (35)
6 years ago, one hundred fifty-eight (158) delegates from fifty-one (51) countries
7 met for the first World Peace Conference, nominating Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, then
8 president of Soka Gakkai, to head the new Soka Gakkai International; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Guam was selected as the venue to conduct the first World
10 Peace Conference, given that the *Chamorro* people suffered so terribly from the
11 ravages of war; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from this auspicious occasion, the delegates founded Soka
13 Gakkai International (SGI), and thus began the worldwide grassroots
14 activities of peace, education and culture, based on the humanistic outlook of
15 Nichiren Buddhism; and

16 **WHEREAS**, today, SGI is a worldwide network with eighty-two (82)
17 constituent organizations and more than twelve million (12,000,000) members
18 in one hundred ninety-two (192) countries and territories, sharing a common
19 vision of global peace and prosperity, and for twenty-nine (29) years it has
20 been accredited as a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) by the United
21 Nations (UN); and

1 **WHEREAS**, as a NGO of the United Nations, SGI has worked tirelessly
2 with other UN entities in promoting harmony and coexistence between
3 nations in the fields of humanitarian relief and public education, with a focus
4 on peace, environmental protection and human rights; and

5 **WHEREAS**, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Dr. Ikeda's peace
6 proposals addressed such themes as the power of dialogue, the adoption of a
7 Universal Declaration Renouncing War, and the need for mutual respect in
8 cultural exchange; and he further cited the important role of the United
9 Nations in maintaining global security, while challenging it to become more
10 representative of the people, rather than just nation states; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda, who has attained the status of a world-renowned
12 Buddhist scholar and peace activist, has made it his personal mission to
13 engage in more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) dialogues for peace
14 with noted world leaders, such as Dr. Arnold Toynbee; Nobel Laureate and
15 former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela; former U.S. Secretary of
16 State Henry Kissinger; former Soviet Union President, Mikhail Gorbachev;
17 civil rights leader, Rosa Parks; and Dr. Elise Boulding; and

18 **WHEREAS**, for his humanitarian endeavors in a range of fields, Dr.
19 Ikeda has been a recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and awards,
20 including the United Nation Peace Award, the Rosa Parks Humanitarian
21 Award, the National Order of the Southern Cross of the Republic of Brazil, the
22 United States Congressional Award, the Honorary Cross of Science and the

1 Arts from the Austrian Ministry of Education, the Medal of the Grand Officer
2 of Arts and Letters from the French Ministry of Culture, the Grand Officer
3 Award from the President of the Italian Republic, and the World Poet
4 Laureateship from the World Poetry Society, the Order of Friendship from
5 Russia, and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Guam; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has encouraged the members of SGI to devote
7 their lives to planting seeds of peace throughout the world, rather than
8 seeking to bring the flowers of their own lives to bloom; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the members of the SGI resolve to contribute to the
10 prosperity of their respective societies and countries, while respecting
11 individual cultures, customs and laws; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have received
13 worldwide recognition for fulfilling the dreams of Mr. Tsunesaburo
14 Makiguchi and Mr. Josei Toda, with the establishment of the Soka Education
15 system, which includes elementary to university-level institutions in Japan,
16 and Soka University of America located in Aliso Viejo, California, the
17 establishment of the Min-On Concert Association, and the creation of the
18 Tokyo Fuji Art Museum; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI-USA, Guam have pursued activities to
20 advance the cause of peace in dedication to the commitment by Dr. Ikeda; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on January 2000, SGI-USA, Guam commemorated the
22 twenty-fifth (25th) anniversary of the founding of SGI by co-sponsoring, with

1 the University of Guam, Soka University of America and SGI-USA, the first
2 Pacific Islands New Millennium Peace Conference; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the conference brought together government leaders and
4 high chiefs from many of the Pacific Islands to share their memories of the
5 Pacific War and resolve to never again allow such violence; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on January 2005, SGI-USA, Guam commemorated the
7 thirtieth (30th) Anniversary of the founding of SGI by hosting numerous
8 commemorative events in the name of peace, including the opening of two (2)
9 traveling exhibitions, “Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the
10 World and Morehouse College’s Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building
11 Peace”; these traveling exhibits were displayed at the office of the Governor of
12 Guam, the University of Guam and the Guam Community College; and

13 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, hosted the Second Pacific Islands New
14 Millennium Peace Conference for educators, focusing on “Humanistic
15 Education: Fostering a Culture of Peace”, and sponsored a cultural festival
16 celebrating the diverse culture of mankind; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on January 2007, SGI-USA, on the thirty-second (32nd)
18 anniversary of the founding of SGI-USA, Guam, realized another milestone
19 with the grand opening of its new Activity Center, an occasion that members
20 of SGI-USA, Guam, have been working hard for years in order to
21 accommodate their members and Buddhist activities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on January 2010, SGI-USA, Guam, will commemorate its
2 Thirty-fifth (35th) Anniversary by encouraging the advancement of innovative
3 ideas that focus on positive changes that promote a stronger, stable, and more
4 sustainable world, beginning with the self and extending into the local
5 community and expanding throughout our global society; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during its Thirty-fifth (35th) Anniversary, SGI-USA, Guam
7 will be hosting various events throughout Guam, including a conference at
8 the Guam Community College and an exhibit at the Agana Shopping Center
9 offering a variety of speakers and performing artists promoting the theme
10 “Seeds of Change: The Earth Charter and Human Potential”, an awarding of
11 honorary Professorship to President Daisaku Ikeda at the Guam Community
12 College, and the unveiling of a Peace Monument and the dedication naming
13 of a pavilion at the *Tamuning* Community Park, across the International Trade
14 Center (ITC) where the first World Peace Conference was held in 1975; and

15 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, believes that the creation of lasting peace
16 and the elimination of violence, rather than the promotion of high level social
17 reform, ultimately lies upon the ability of each individual on Earth to
18 inherently embrace the spirit of peace in their hearts; and

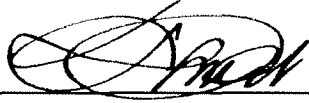
19 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have dedicated
20 more than sixty (60) years of their lives to the promotion of peace, culture, and
21 education through their committed efforts as leaders of SGI, and they
22 continue to serve as inspiring examples of how one person’s committed

1 efforts can transform the lives of millions of people around the world,
2 including those of us here on Guam; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize
5 and commend the worldwide members of SGI on their tireless efforts and
6 dedication in promoting world peace, which is ever more relevant in the age
7 of terror and war, and does congratulate SGI-USA, Guam, on the Thirty-fifth
8 (35th) Anniversary of the founding of SGI; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
10 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
11 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to President Daisaku and
12 Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda of Soka Gakkai International (SGI); to Danny Nagashima,
13 General Director; to SGI-USA; to SGI-USA, Guam; and to the Honorable Felix
14 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 14TH DAY
OF JANUARY 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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