I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 320-30 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and acknowledging the Judiciary of Guam, the U.S. District Court of Guam and the Guam Bar Association for their outstanding dedication and commitment in promoting justice and equality in accordance with the law, in celebration of "Law Week", during the week of April 24 to May 3, 2010, and commemorating the Fifty-second (52nd) Anniversary celebration of "Law Day".

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

WHEREAS, Law Day is a celebration of our nation's great heritage of
liberty, justice and equality under law; and

5 WHEREAS, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature 6 and basis of our freedoms, and recognition of the individual responsibilities 7 that these freedoms represent; and

8 WHEREAS, Law Day is an opportunity to celebrate the Constitution 9 and the laws that protect our rights and liberties, and to recognize our 10 responsibility as citizens to uphold the values of a free and just society; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Law Day was proclaimed by President Dwight D.
Eisenhower, and was reaffirmed through a joint resolution of Congress in
13 1961; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, both young and old, need to understand their
rights and responsibilities under the law to become effective participants in
our nation's civil life; and

WHEREAS, Law Day is celebrated annually on May 1 as a "special day
of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties and to
provide an occasion for rededication of the ideals of equity and justice under
the laws"; and

21 WHEREAS, the Law Week 2010 theme, "Law in the 21st Century: 22 Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges", encourages all to examine the impending transformation of our island with the law changing dramatically,
 both shaping and adapting to new conditions created by advances in
 technology and globalization; and

WHEREAS, in this global era, matters such as human rights, criminal
justice, intellectual property and environmental regulations become concerns
we all share, and the simplest business transactions and disputes require
cultural understanding; and

8 WHEREAS, Law Week 2010 provides us with an opportunity to 9 understand and appreciate the emerging challenges that confront us today, 10 while taking pause to consider and identify legal traditions essential to our 11 conception of justice—traditions that we must strive together to maintain; and

12 WHEREAS, the Guam Bar Association, in coordination with the Judiciary of Guam and the U.S. District Court of Guam, has scheduled 13 numerous events that will take place during the course of Law Week, to 14 include: a 5k race entitled "Race Judicata"; a one day Law Fair at the 15 16 Micronesia Mall; the State of the Judiciary Address; local and federal courthouse tours; fairy tale mock trials engaging our island youth; a Law Day 17 art and essay contest; a Naturalization Ceremony and Citizenship Outreach 18 Program; and short seminars on a variety of topics, from domestic to criminal 19 matters; now, therefore, be it 20

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

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people of Guam, join the nation and our local community in recognizing and
extending "Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse" in gratitude and appreciation to
all law practitioners, judges, and support personnel who promote the proper
enforcement and interpretation of law, in celebration of the Fifty-second (52nd)
Anniversary of "Law Day" on May 1st, as well as in commemorating the week
of April 24 to May 3, 2010, as "Law Week" with the theme, "Law in the 21st *Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges*"; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on 9 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and 10 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. 11 Torres, Chief Justice of Guam; to Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, 12 District Court of Guam; to Attorney Cynthia V. Ecube, President, Guam Bar 13 Association; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

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