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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program on the occasion of its Tenth (10th) Anniversary celebration; and to commending the director, members, parents, instructors, and supporters of *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* for their invaluable contributions over the past ten (10) years to the preservation and perpetuation of the *Chamorro* culture and heritage, and for their efforts to share our community's cultural uniqueness with the

world, and instill cultural pride and identity in our island's youth and families.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program was organized in 2000, and what started out as a novel idea to provide a practical approach to learning *Chamorro* culture through performance arts quickly became the performing sensation of *Inarajan* Middle School. The program began with the middle school students who learned traditional *Chamorro* and Spanish dances and participated in a variety of dance competitions. In 2005, the group expanded beyond the walls of *Inarajan* Middle School and established a community-based after school program, providing a service for those graduating from the middle school who were interested in learning more about their heritage; and

WHEREAS, the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* mission of promoting awareness and pride in the *Chamorro* heritage through the performing arts was accomplished through successful youth interaction with traditional *Chamorro* Master Artists, community presentations and cultural exchanges. In collaboration with the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation and the Guam Visitors Bureau, a curriculum was established where students participate regularly in intergenerational cultural

workshops between the master craftsmen based at *Gef Pa'go* and the students of *Inarajan* Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the members of *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* have exhibited great passion as performing artists and have won numerous awards during the group's ten (10)-year history. Among the many prestigious awards and recognitions that the group has received include: the *Dinana Minagof* Cultural Dance Overall Winners (2002, 2004 and 2009); the Guam Visitors Bureau Excellence in Tourism *Hafa Adai* Spirit Award (2006 and 2009); the University of Guam *Chamorro* Language Competition Best Chant (2009); the Korea World Trade Fair Best Folklore Performance (2007 and 2009); and the Philippines World Travel Expo Most Popular Performance (2010). In 2004, Vince Reyes, Program Director for *Inetnon Gef Pa'go*, was named the Traditional Teacher of the Year by the Guam Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, presently, the membership of *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* consists of middle school and high school students, adult professional dancers, and community members. The group has showcased their cultural songs and dances throughout the island, and has shared our *Chamorro* heritage with the world through tourism promotions and festivals. In 2008, in partnership with the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort and PHR Ken Corporation, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* became the first full *Chamorro* dinner show on Guam, performing five (5) nights a week at the Bayside BBQ; and

WHEREAS, as cultural ambassadors for our island, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* has traveled to Japan, Korea, France, Netherlands, American Samoa, Hong Kong, Australia, Washington D.C., Hawaii, the Philippines, Taiwan, New Zealand, Macau, and the CNMI, fostering friendships and educating the international community about the uniqueness of the *Chamorro* culture and heritage. They have performed at various Festivals throughout Europe and the Pacific, including, the Festival of the Pacific Arts (Fest Pac), numerous International Folklore Festivals throughout Europe and New Zealand, and several other international forums on cultural arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the director, instructors, members, and supporters of the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program for their outstanding contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of the *Chamorro* culture and heritage, and for their efforts to share our community's cultural uniqueness with the world; does further congratulate the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program on the occasion of the Tenth (10th) Anniversary of its establishment, and does convey best wishes for many more years of success; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Vince Reyes, Program Director, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINATRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



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