## I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN PM 1: 48 4700 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

**Resolution No.** /5 (COR)

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Relative to presenting an Agenda of Priority Concerns for Guam on Federal-territorial issues for proposed action to President Barack Obama and to the Congress of the United States.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

2 **GUÅHAN**:

WHEREAS, President of the United States Barack Obama has
expressed his commitment to take action on a number of Federal-territorial
issues that continue to have negative affects on Guam and its people; and
WHEREAS, As the first President of color, born in Hawaii and raised

7 in a multi-cultural environment, our country's new Commander-In-Chief

8 has a greater understanding and respect for the myriad issues that affect all

9 of America's insular areas; and

10 WHEREAS, for many years, issues including but not limited to 11 reparations for injuries and injustices that occurred during the Second 12 World War; full reimbursement for the impact of Compact citizens on the 13 services and finances of the Government of Guam; and lifting the caps on federal funding for Medicaid, have been left unresolved and are a
 continuing burden on the people of Guam; and

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3	WHEREAS, the people of Guam now have a real opportunity to
4	achieve concrete action on these issues and many others that should be
5	formed into Agenda of Priority Concerns for Guam that sets out our
6	priorities to be officially transmitted to President Obama and to the
7	Congress of the United States; and
8	WHEREAS, the Agenda of Priority Concerns for Guam is as follows:
9	a) Recognition of the Chamorro right to self-determination;
10	b) The need for a just political status within the American system;
11	c) Resolution of the issue of unreturned ancestral lands;
12	d) Necessary funding, as identified by the Guam First Commission,
13	needed to meet capital infrastructure obligations imposed on Guam as a
14	result of the ongoing buildup of U.S. military forces;
15	e) Inclusion in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program for
16	the disabled, which applies to all 50 States and the CNMI but not to Guam;
17	f) Exemption from the Jones Act that has an adverse impact on our
18	cost of living, and Guam is the only insular area fully affected by this act;
19	d) Establishment of a secure Guam-only Visa-Waiver program for
20	visitors from the Philippines and China in order to foster growth in our
21	tourism economy;

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e) Implementation of War Reparations recommendations as provided
 for in the Guam Loyalty Recognition Act;

f) Removal of funding caps on Medicaid and Public Assistanceprograms mandated by the federal government;

g) Full reimbursement for the adverse impacts of the Compacts of
Free Association on our health, education, and public safety resources;

h) Necessary funding, as identified by the Guam First Commission,
that will be required to meet capital infrastructure obligations imposed on
Guam as a result of the buildup, to include but not be limited to utilities,
educational facilities and healthcare facilities;

i) Full participation in the new Administration's proposed economic
stimulus legislation, especially as it relates to public facilities, structures
and infrastructure projects;

j) The provision of sufficient health care resources to address theneeds of Guam's Veterans;

16 k) Cleanup of environmental hazards that were created or
17 augmented by the Federal Government and environmental protections;

18 l) Investigation of serious health problems related to Federal activity,
19 including "downwinders," those individuals who resided in Guam at the
20 time of nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific;

21 m) Greater participation in Federal mass transit and other public 22 transportation programs; and n) Assistance with economic development initiatives, now, therefore,
 be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Trente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, presents this Agenda of Priority Concerns for Guam to Barack Obama, President of the United States, who has expressed his commitment to take action on a number of Federal-territorial issues that continue to have negative affects on Guam and its people; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trente Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
10 on behalf of the people of Guam, also present this Agenda of Priority
11 Concerns for Guam to the Congress of the United States; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on 13 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof 14 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable 15 Barack Obama, President of the United States; to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives; to the Honorable Robert C. 16 Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Harry 17 18 Reid, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. 19 Bordallo, Delegate to the House of Representatives; and to the Honorable 20 Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan

## DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NALIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D. Speaker RORY J. RESPICIO Senator and Chairperson Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES Senator and Legislative Secretary