

MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 31 (LOW)

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo *EBC*

Ray Tenorio *[Signature]*

Frank F. Blas, Jr. *[Signature]*

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Relative to honoring His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM Cap., D. D. on the Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary celebration of his Episcopal ordination and to further extend him *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions he has made for the Church and the faithful of our Island Community.

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

WHEREAS, the His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron is the sixth (6th) of eight (8) living children born to the late Manuel Taijito Apuron and Ana Santos Sablan Apuron born November 1, 1945 in *Hagåtña, Guam; and*

WHEREAS, the His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron attended Mongmong Elementary School and the Cathedral Grade school on Guam from 1950 - 1959; received his diploma graduating from Father Dueñas Memorial High School on June 1, 1964. Archbishop Apuron entered the Capuchin Novitiate July 4, 1964 at St. Lawrence Friary, Milton,

Massachusetts achieving his First Profession on September 1, 1965. Archbishop Apuron furthered his studies from 1965 - 1969 at St. Anthony College, Hudson, New Hampshire while attaining his Final Profession on September 2, 1968 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Majoring in Scholastic Philosophy at the St. Anthony Capuchin College, Hudson, New Hampshire. Archbishop Anthony Apuron, from 1969 - 1973, advanced his Post Graduate schooling at the Capuchin Theological Seminary, Garrison, New York and was bestowed a Master of Divinity Degree from the state of New York in 1972. He obtained a Masters in Theology Degree from Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining, New York in 1973 and a Master of Arts Degree in Liturgical Studies, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana in 1974; and

WHEREAS, returning to his place of birth, Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron was ordained to the priesthood, August 26, 1972, by the late Bishop Felixberto Camacho Flores at the *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral, *Hagåtña*, Guam. He became Rector of the Father Dueñas Minor Seminary, Mangilao in 1974; assigned Associate Pastor, Mount Carmel Church, Saipan (1975); elected in 1976 First Councilor to the Capuchin Friars and was Pastor, Mount Carmel Church in Agat. June 16, 1978 found Archbishop Apuron the Rector of *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral in *Hagåtña*; and

WHEREAS, His Excellency Archbishop Apuron was selected one of the 1983 “Most Outstanding Young People of Guam.” On February 19, 1984, he was ordained auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of *Hagåtña*; installed on May 11, 1986 Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archdiocese of *Hagåtña*; elected President of The Catholic Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC) in 1990 and re-elected for a second three (3) year term in 1993. His Holiness the late Pope John Paul II appointed Archbishop Apuron a member of the Pre-Synod Committee for the November – December 1998 Synod of Bishops of Oceania held at the Vatican City, Rome, Italy and elected Permanent Member of the Post Synodal Council of Bishops of Oceania. Archbishop Apuron again was elected President of CEPAC in 2004; Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Apuron in 2005 as a delegate to the October Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist held at the Vatican City, Rome, Italy; re-elected in 2007 for a second three (3) year term as the CEPAC President and appointed a delegate to the October Synod of Bishops on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron has and continues his active involvement in our island’s political and social sectors rooted in his belief that Guam’s future rests on a foundation of responsibility, character, integrity and respect for others, family commitment and encourages spiritual, personal, and professional growth;

and, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* honor His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron on his Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary celebration as the spiritual leader of Guam and further extend to him a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the outstanding contributions he has made for the Church and the faithful of our Island Community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attests to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA-BARNES
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature