

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 51(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing the Month of March, 2009 as “*Mes Chamorro* (Chamorro Month)”, and recognizing the *Chamorro Studies Program* of the Guam Public School System and the Steering Committee’s collaborative efforts for their contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of the *Chamorro Culture*.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, this year’s theme, “*I Hinanao-ta*, Our Journey, Past, Present
4 and Future”, compels all who call Guam home to learn about its leaders of the past
5 and present, and exalt them for their strength and wisdom in recognizing the
6 importance of revitalizing the Chamorro heritage; and

7 **WHEREAS**, these leaders would be recognized for their individual and
8 collective efforts to sustain our ancestral heritage from one generation to the next;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Chamorro culture continues to exist through its chants,
11 cuisine, music, dance, storytelling and traditional crafts, and the *Chamorro* people,
12 although rich in the arts, crafts and social skills face losing their language and
13 cultural lifestyle through the European and American influences; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it becomes the responsibility of today’s leaders to encourage
2 and educate our children about our heritage and by doing so make them the leaders
3 of the future; and

4 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the continued efforts of the *Chamorro*
5 Studies Teachers and the *Chamorro* Studies Division of the Guam Public School
6 System be acknowledged as the vanguards who have dedicated their efforts to
7 emphasizing the significance of perpetuating the *Chamorro* language, and by
8 extension of language and culture within the Guam’s Public Schools and within the
9 community; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is also worthy to acknowledge the strong partnerships
11 created by the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs, the Guam Council on the Arts and
12 Humanities Agency with its Steering Committee collaborators, and all of Guam’s
13 community organizations that continue to carry out the mission to protect,
14 preserve, perpetuate and promote the *Chamorro* language and culture not only
15 during *Chamorro* Month but every day; and

16 **WHEREAS**, all the people of Guam are encouraged to attend as many of
17 the planned activities as possible so that they can be more knowledgeable of the
18 *Chamorro* heritage, its roots and evolution; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
20 people of Guam, does hereby recognize the month of March, 2009 as “*Mes*
21 *Chamorro* (Chamorro Month)”; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
23 people of Guam, acknowledge the *Chamorro* language and Culture Teachers and
24 the *Chamorro* Studies and Special Projects Division of the Guam Public School
25 System for their unwavering devotion to the perpetuation of the *Chamorro*
26 language and culture; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
2 people of Guam, does hereby salute all of the many collaborators who have
3 assisted in the development of activities and events to promote “*Mes Chamorro*
4 (*Chamorro Month*)”; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to
6 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the 2009 Steering
7 Committee, Ms. Sylvia Flores, President, Department of *Chamorro* Affairs; Mr.
8 Patrick Bamba, Director, Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency; Dr.
9 Marilyn Salas, Director, *Chamorro* Center of Excellence, University of Guam; Mr.
10 Anthony Ramirez, Museum Curator, Guam Museum; Mr. Mike Cura, General
11 Manager, *Chamorro* Village; Ms. Leona Young, Administrator, Guam Museum
12 Foundation; Mr. Frank Toves, *Hagåtña* Restoration & Redevelopment Authority;
13 Mr. Anthony Ramirez, Guam Historic Resources Division, Department of Parks &
14 Recreation; Mr. Jesse Bamba, Cooperative Extension Service, College of
15 Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Guam; Mr. Joseph Torres, Deputy
16 Director, Department of Agriculture; Mr. John C. Borja, Division Chief,
17 Agriculture Development Services, Department of Agriculture; Mr. Joe Quniata,
18 Chief Program Officer, Guam Preservation Trust; Mr. Benjie Santiago, Natibu
19 Cultural Dance Group; *Siñot* Vince Reyes, *Inetnon Gef Pã'go* Cultural Dance
20 Group, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

21 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA**
22 **LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF MARCH 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary