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MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 78 (COR)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing Guam's celebration of "Law Week" during the week of April 25 to May 2, 2009, and commemorating the Fifty-first (51st) Anniversary celebration of "Law Day", and further acknowledging the Guam Judiciary and law practitioners community for their outstanding dedication and commitment in promoting justice and equality in accordance with the law.

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

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

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

WHEREAS, Law Day is an opportunity to celebrate the Constitution and the laws that protect our rights and liberties and to recognize our 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 thru a joint resolution in Congress in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Law Day is annually celebrated on May 1 of every year 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."

WHEREAS, the Law Week 2009 theme, *A Legacy of Liberty- Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial*, encourages all Americans to explore the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as one of our nation's greatest and most eloquent president; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln, who devoted much of his adult life to the practice of law, was the quintessential American lawyer-president. His extensive experience in the law was represented through both his actions and his oratory.

WHEREAS, the Guam Bar Association in coordination with the Judiciary of Guam and the District Court of Guam has scheduled numerous events that will take place during the course of the week to include: a State of the Judiciary Address, local and federal courthouse tours, elementary and middle school mock trial plays, art contest involving elementary students, middle and high school essay contests, short seminars on a variety of topics from domestic to criminal law, Naturalization Ceremony and Citizenship Outreach Program, Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall, Guam Bar Association Charity Golf Tournament with proceeds to benefit the indigent clients, Supreme Court Appellate Oral Argument Outreach at Guam Community College, swearing-in ceremony for the new Guam Bar admittees and the 5K Run/Walk entitled "Race Judicata"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of *I Mina' Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby on behalf of the people of Guam, join the nation and our local community in recognizing and celebrating the 51st Anniversary of Law Day on May 1st, as well as in commemorating the week of April 25, 2009 to May 2, 2009, as Law Week under the theme " A Legacy of Liberty- Celebrating the Lincoln's Bicentennial"; and be it further

RESOLVED, to extend a "Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase" as gratitude and appreciation to all law practitioners, judges, support personnel who promote the proper enforcement and interpretation of law.

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption thereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, District Court of Guam, to Attorney Cynthia V. Ecube, President, Guam Bar Association; to Attorney Rodney J. Jacob, co-chairman, Law Week Planning Committee; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guahan*.

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