

*I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*  
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**Relative to recognizing the Month of May, 2009 as “Guam Museum Month”, celebrating “I Hinanao-ta”, The Journey of the Chamorro people and commending our local community for their continued efforts to preserve Guam’s rich and diverse history.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the month of May has been recognized as National Museum  
4 Month by thousands of museum organizations, communities, and states across the  
5 country, as well as by the White House and Congress for more than two decades;  
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and the Guam Museum  
8 Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task Force, joins the  
9 American Association of Museums, a conglomerate of members throughout the  
10 United States and its territories in commemorating and celebrating the history and  
11 tradition of our ancestors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, museums are the inheritors and guardians of the people’s  
13 remnants, and artifacts; and

1           **WHEREAS**, museums are promoters of culture, history, tradition, and are  
2 centers of research for scholars, of education, as well as a resource for schools,  
3 colleges, universities, libraries, and other institutions of learning; and

4           **WHEREAS**, our local community, together with museum officials, will  
5 celebrate Guam Museum Month with the theme of ***“I Hinanao-ta”*** **the Journey of**  
6 **the Chamorro people** to commemorate the contributions made by the Guam  
7 Museum to the preservation of our heritage – culture, arts, and history – and to the  
8 furtherance and understanding of the people of Guam; and

9           **WHEREAS**, museums enrich the quality of our communities, provide a  
10 sense of place and offer enlightenment for younger generations; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Guam has seen a renewed interest in preserving the island’s  
12 rich heritage and it is notable that our island’s landscape holds several existing  
13 museums, as well as a few anticipated museum openings in the near futures,  
14 including the Guam Museum, the National Park Service War in the Pacific  
15 Museum, the U’Zeum Children’s Discovery Museum of Guam, the Pacific War  
16 Museum, the National Museum of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica,  
17 the Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam and the highly  
18 anticipated Guam Museum of Culture Arts, and History; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Guam Museum Foundation, Inc. and the Guam Museum  
20 Facilities Construction and Cultural Heritage Rehabilitation Task Force together  
21 with the DFS Guam, Guam Museum, Department of Chamorro Affairs,  
22 Department of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservations, Guam Community  
23 College, Guam Preservation Trust, Guam Public School System, Guam Visitors  
24 Bureau, Mayor’s Council of Guam, the Chamorro Center and Micronesia Area  
25 Research Center of the University of Guam, and all entities established whose  
26 vision and mission and/or efforts are directly supportive of Guam’s preservation

1 and promotion of history and culture hereby commit to increasing public  
2 awareness of Guam’s history and culture through its leadership, advocacy, as well  
3 as further research and study programs through continued development of  
4 partnerships with the educational institutions, seeking recognition in  
5 commemorating, sharing and upholding the **“*I Hinanao-ta*”, the Journey of the**  
6 **Chamorro people; and**

7 **WHEREAS**, it becomes the responsibility of today’s leaders to encourage  
8 and educate our children about our rich and diverse heritage and by doing so make  
9 them the leaders of the future; 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* culture and heritage not only  
15 during Guam Museum Month but every day; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the  
17 people of Guam, does hereby recognize and commemorates the month of May,  
18 2009 as “*Guam Museum Month, “I Hinanao-ta*”, the Journey of the Chamorro  
19 people”, and encourages the people of Guam, to participate in celebrating,  
20 promoting, and observing this Month of May with various appropriate ceremonies,  
21 activities, and programs, and to take action to preserve and promote the Guam  
22 Museum of Culture, Arts, and History in our community; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the  
24 people of Guam, does hereby salute all of the many collaborators who have  
25 assisted in the development of activities and events to promote “***Guam Museum***  
26 ***Month*”, “*I Hinanao-ta*”, the Journey of the Chamorro people”;; and be it further**

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to  
2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to Ms. Sylvia  
3 Flores, President, Department of *Chamorro* Affairs; to Leona Young,  
4 Administrator, Guam Museum Foundation; to MARC, University of Guam,; to the  
5 National Park Service War in the Pacific Museum; to Mr. John Gerber, Pacific  
6 War Museum; to Janiece Sablan, President, Discovery Group of Guam; to the Very  
7 Reverend James L.G. Benavente, national Museum of the Dulce Nombre de Maria  
8 Cathedral-Basilica; to Mr. Patrick Bamba, Director, Guam Council on the Arts &  
9 Humanities Agency; Mr. Joe Quniata, Chief Program Officer, Guam Preservation  
10 Trust; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

11           **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA**  
12 ***LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH 2009.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary