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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING JUNE 22ND TO THE
25TH OF JUNE, 2009 AS THE 28TH ANNUAL PACIFIC
ISLANDS BILINGUAL-BICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
(PIBBA) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND IN
RECOGNIZING THE 28TH ANNUAL PIBBA
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE STEERING
COMMITTEE, PIBBA, AND PIBBA LOCAL CHAPTER
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS IN PROMOTING
BILIGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM IN THE
PACIFIC, PARTICULARLY INDIGENOUS
LANGUAGES AND CULTURES IN THE
MICRONESIAN REGION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- 1 WHEREAS, this year's theme, "INVIGORATING THE LANGUAGES AND
- 2 **CULTURES OF THE PACIFIC** which translates to *LÁSU'ON I KINALAMTEN I FINO' YAN*
- 3 *LINA'LA' I PASIFIKU SIHA* in CHamoru, which compels all conference participants to promote
- 4 the unity of the Pacific in matters relating to bilingual-bicultural activities that will sustain, restore
- 5 and strengthen indigenous knowledge and perspectives as native peoples; and
- 6 **WHEREAS, PIBBA** lobbies for policies which promote bilingual-bicultural and indigenous
- 7 language and culture activities at the local, regional and national level; and
- 8 **WHEREAS, PIBBA** establishes channels of communication and disseminates information
- 9 relevant to bilingual-bicultural and indigenous language and culture activities in the Pacific; and
- 10 **WHEREAS, PIBBA** encourages the implementation of quality programs of bilingual-
- 11 bicultural and indigenous language and culture instruction and activities; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** the conference serves as a forum for the development of bilingual-bicultural
- 13 and indigenous language and culture philosophy, education and research in the Pacific; and

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

3 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the efforts of **PIBBA and PIBBA, LOCAL CHAPTERS**
4 be acknowledged as the vanguards who have dedicated their efforts to emphasizing the significance
5 of perpetuating indigenous languages and, by extension, language and culture within their
6 educational systems and within their communities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative to acknowledge the strong partnerships created by the Pacific
8 Islands Bilingual-Bicultural Association and the Mayors’ Council of Guam, University of Guam,
9 Guam Preservation Trust, Guam Historic Preservation Office, Department of Parks and Recreation,
10 Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency, Merizo Municipal Council and Mayor Ernest T.
11 Chargualaf, Chamoru Studies Division, Guam Public School System, Guam Visitors Bureau, Office
12 of the Governor, I Mina’trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan, and other organizations that continue to
13 carry out the mission to protect, preserve, perpetuate and promote indigenous languages and cultures
14 throughout the Pacific Region; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Mayors’ Council of Guam, University of Guam, Guam Preservation Trust,
16 Guam Historic Preservation Office, Department of Parks and Recreation, Council of the Arts and
17 Humanities Agency, Merizo Municipal Council and Mayor Ernest T. Chargualaf, Chamoru Studies
18 Division, Guam Public School System, Guam Visitors Bureau, Office of the Governor, I Mina’trenta
19 na Liheslaturan Guåhan, and other organizations be commended for their assistance in the planning,
20 participation and support of the conference; and

21 **WHEREAS**, all of the people of Guam and Pacific Region are encouraged to attend and
22 participate in the conference presentations and activities; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the following venues be recognized for being the designated conference sites:
24 the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa, Tumon; the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences,
25 University of Guam, Mangilao; and the Merizo Pier Park and Merlyn G. Cook School ; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
28 people of Guam, declare June 22nd to the 25th 2009 as the 28th Annual PIBBA International
29 Conference; and be it further

30 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
31 people of Guam, acknowledge the PIBBA Conference Steering Committee PIBBA, and PIBBA,

1 Guam Chapter officers and members for their unwavering devotion and dedication in promoting
2 bilingualism and biculturalism and indigenous languages and cultures among Pacific islanders; and
3 be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the
5 people of Guam, salute all of the many collaborators who have assisted in the development of
6 activities and events and have made the conference a success through their hard work and efforts in
7 bringing together island entities from around the Pacific Region; and be it further

8 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
9 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Rosa Salas Palomo,
10 Co-chair, 28th Annual PIBBA international Conference and President-Elect, PIBBA; Ms. Juanita
11 Manibusan, Co-Chair, 28th Annual PIBBA International Conference and President, PIBBA Local
12 Chapter; the Mayors' Council of Guam; College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of
13 Guam; Guam Preservation Trust; Guam Historic Preservation Office, Department of Parks and
14 Recreation; Council of the Arts and Humanities Agency; Merizo Municipal Council and Mayor
15 Ernest T. Chargualaf; Chamoru Studies Division Guam Public School System; Guam Visitors
16 Bureau and the Office of the Governor, *I Maga'lahren Guahan*.

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18 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENT NA LIHESLATURAN***
19 ***GUÅHAN* ON THE __ DAY OF _____, 2009.**

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22 **Speaker**

_____ **Senator and Secretary of the Legislature**