MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2009 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

Resolution No. 192-30(LS)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the International Network of Women Against Militarism on their 7th Annual Meeting held on Guam themed "Resistance, Resilience and Respect for Human Rights/Chinemma', Nina'maolek, yan Inarespetu para Direchon Taotao".

BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, this year, women of Guam have organized with women from various groups throughout Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hawai'i, Philippines, Australia, Republic of Belau, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Puerto Rico and United States to host "Resistance, Resilience, and Respect for Human Rights/Chinemma', Nina'maolek, yan Inarespetu para Direchon Taotao," a five day conference (September 14 – 19, 2009) in Guam that aims to educate and organize around the impact military presence in our respective homelands; and

WHEREAS; women across the globe have endured tremendous struggles to protect their families and survive during times of war and unrest; and

WHEREAS, it is from these struggles that women have gained the strength to fight for peace; and

WHEREAS, Guam has burdened a strong presence of US military forces for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, today, Guam's land and people are occupied by nearly one-third of the US military, and are now faced with an unprecedented military build-up as the US plans to move 17,000 Marines and their dependents from Okinawa to the island; and

WHEREAS, the Conference comes at a critical time in Guam 's history, and aims to bring international attention to the concerns being raised about the proposed military expansion; and

WHEREAS, this Conference supports the collaboration of women who are and have been active in our communities to work towards the genuine security of all of those affected by the presence of US military forces in our countries, in particular to ensure the safety, well-being, and long-term sustainability of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Conference features workshops and public forums on human trafficking and prostitution; political arrangements with the United States; rethinking peace and security; exploring alternatives for economic sustainability; environmental contamination and toxicity and much more; and

WHEREAS, sponsoring Organizations of the Conference include: Conscious Living; Famoksaiyan; Fuetsan Famalao'an; Guåhan Coalition for Peace and Justice; Guåhan Indigenous Collective; GUAHAN Project; Global Fund for Women; Office of Minority Health Resource Center; Sage Project, Incorporated; Women and Gender Studies Program, University of Guam; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam extend our appreciation and congratulations to the International Network of Women Against Militarism on their 7th Annual Meeting held on Guam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Felix P.

Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guahan.

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

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D Speaker Tina Muna Barnes Senator and Legislative Secretary