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## I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 206 -30 (cor)

Introduced By:

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Relative to encouraging all Guamanians to take part in the Philippine relief effort in Guam and to commending the Filipino Community of Guam and the Philippine Consulate General for their leadership in the wake of the deadly floods caused by Tropical Storm Ondoy.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, The greatest deeds emanate from the most sincere works of charity and the leadership to encourage others to give during a people's time of need; and

WHEREAS, The people of Guam and the Philippines share a unique and irreplaceable bond; and

WHEREAS, Guamanians of Filipino ancestry and heritage have families living in the Philippines. Many Guamanians of all ethnicities share strong friendships with people in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Guam's Filipino community time and again has sacrificed so much for this island we share. Guamanians of Filipino

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ancestry and heritage dedicate their time, raise funds, and volunteer to help the neediest in our community, to move this island forward, and, in times of emergencies, to join in the recovery of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Ondoy, known internationally as Ketsana, devastated Metro Manila and about two dozen surrounding provinces Saturday, September 26, 2009. The storm caused flooding and mudslides, leaving in its wake at least 83 dead, 23 missing and thousands homeless; and

WHEREAS, The Filipino Community of Guam and the Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines immediately started relief efforts following the devastation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Filipino Community of Guam is soliciting financial donations toward the relief effort to help our *kababayans* in the Philippines during this difficult time; and

WHEREAS, Consul General Olivia Palala is working with the National Disaster Coordinating Council in the Philippines and urging anyone who can to take part in the relief effort; and

WHEREAS, The people of Guam appreciate and join in solidarity with the Filipino Community of Guam and the Philippine Consulate General in this relief effort. The leadership of these two offices is commendable; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the Filipino

Community of Guam and the Philippine Consulate General, for their leadership of the disaster relief effort; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan* urges all Guamanians who can help, to assist the disaster relief effort in any way they can and through the guidelines offered by the Filipino Community of Guam and the Philippine Consulate General; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to the Board of Advisors of the Filipino Community of Guam; the Board of Directors of the Filipino Community of Guam; the Officers of the Filipino Community of Guam; Honorable Olivia Palala, Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines; Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga' Lahen Guåhan*.