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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
THE FRIENDS OF THE CRIME LAB, INC. FOR
COORDINATING AND HOSTING THE FIRST REGIONAL
FORENSIC SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM.

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

3 WHEREAS, throughout the 1970s, the Department of Public Safety,
4 under the leadership of Director Jose Quintanilla, worked in the establishment
5 of a Crime Laboratory Section; and

6 WHEREAS, establishment of the Crime Lab section of the Department
7 of Safety, later changed to the Guam Police Department, was not a simple task
8 that required time to educate our local law enforcement officers, the
9 recruitment of experts in the field, and a strong leadership that would allow
10 the Crime Lab section to grow to fruition and reach its full potential; and

11 WHEREAS, today the Crime Lab section of the Guam Police
12 Department, coming a long way from its humble beginnings, has served our
13 community as well as our Micronesia neighbors providing services - such as a

1 strong crime scene investigation, fingerprint identification, drug
2 identification, and firearms identification – that ensure the safety of our island
3 and regional community; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in early 2009, a new building was dedicated for the
5 enhancement of the Crime Lab’s ability to prosecute and investigate crimes in
6 order to guarantee the resolution of crimes; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the realization that more improvement can be made to the
8 Crime Lab and the services that it provides, the establishment of a non-profit
9 organization was envisioned and “the Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc.” was
10 founded to assist and enhance the delivery of quality forensic science services,
11 to provide supportive services, program services, equipment, training and
12 activities to meet the needs of the crime lab, to facilitate and strengthen
13 collaboration and partnership efforts with both public and private sectors, to
14 increase the availability of forensic science services, to seek, pursue and solicit
15 other funding sources through grants, corporate sponsorships, donations,
16 fundraisers and other resources for “FRIENDS” in furtherance of the
17 organization’s purpose to provide resources for the Guam Crime Lab; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc. estimates that an
19 additional \$5 million is needed to fully bring the Crime Lab to its standard of
20 expectation and to allow for further services such as DNA and toxicology; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc.’s mission is to also
22 provide educational opportunities to enhance the knowledge base of our local
23 law enforcement officials, and thus coordinated the 1st Regional Forensic
24 Science Symposium held on November 4-6, 2009 at the Harvest Christian

1 Academy Family Life Center; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc. along with its sponsors -
3 the Guam Community College, Xerox, L3 Command & Control Systems and
4 Software, MCV, I.M. Systems Group Inc., Armed Forces Communication
5 Education Association Marianas Chapter, Bank of Guam, AFP, No Ka Oi,
6 Government of Guam Employees Federal Credit Union, Bank Pacific, the
7 Pacific Daily News, Office of the Attorney General of Guam, Federal Bureau
8 of Investigations, Marianas Variety, G4S, Lujan Towing & Auto Parts, and
9 Nissan - have put together a Symposium bringing in recognized experts in
10 the field of forensic science such as serology, criminalistics, firearms, DNA,
11 crime scene photography, entomology, and explosives; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Regional Forensic Science Symposium intends to bring
13 more awareness of the science to our local community and within the region
14 and provide training to our law enforcement officials who are involved with
15 the investigation of crimes; and now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
17 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the Friends of the
18 Crime Lab, Inc. Board of Directors and its Honorary Board of Advisors, and
19 the 1st Regional Forensic Science Symposium sponsors for their efforts and
20 dedication in promoting the importance and knowledge of forensic science on
21 Guam and within the region; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
23 to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to

1 Mr. Joey Lopez, Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc. Board of Directors Chairman,
2 to members of the Board of Directors: former Governor Joseph Ada, Mr. Bob
3 Salas, Mr. Gerry Perez, Ms. Maureen Maratita, Mr. Lee Webber, and Ms.
4 Sharon Ishizaki, to the Honorary members of the Board: Justice Philip
5 Carbullido, Guam Police Department Chief Paul Suba, Guam Community
6 College President Mary Okada, and Frank Ishizaki, to the Guam Police
7 Department Crime Lab Division, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
8 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009.**

**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker**

**Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**