

I MINA' TRENTA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN  
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Resolution No. 358-30(LS)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the Historic Inalahan Foundation for their efforts in reviving the Coconut Festival to coincide with the village fiesta of Inalahan.**

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

1       **WHEREAS**, the coconut festival began in 1948 through the efforts of the  
2 late Monsignor Oscar Calvo when he served as the San Jose parish priest after  
3 World War II; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the first coconut festival of Inalahan was based on Monsignor  
5 Calvo's desire to draw attention to the once dominant coconut crop that suffered  
6 major damage during the island's liberation in 1944; and

7       **WHEREAS**, the coconut palms have always been important to the people of  
8 Guam as they are an excellent source of food and sustenance, such as food, drink,  
9 medicine, fuel and light; and

10       **WHEREAS**, long before World War II, our island's economy consisted of  
11 farming, fishing and copra making, with copra being the major cash crop and

12 principal export of Guam before being destroyed during the retaking of the island;  
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, consistent with the coconut theme of the festival, the Coconut  
15 Festival Queen competitions were a way to provide an exciting focal point of the  
16 activities to the event by selling raffle tickets to family and friends island wide; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the coronation celebration was augmented with a “feria”,  
18 similar to county fairs, and include agricultural produce, livestock, and arts and  
19 crafts exhibits which the people of Inalahan produced or made themselves were  
20 part of the three (3) day festivities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, despite the efforts of Monsignor Calvo, the festival lasted only  
22 six years with a brief revitalization in 1973; and

23 **WHEREAS**, this year the Historic Inalahan Foundation has revived the  
24 coconut festival which will run from April 30, 2010 to May 2, 2010; now,  
25 therefore be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
27 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and  
28 congratulate the Historic Inalahan Foundation for reviving the Coconut Festival  
29 that has a rich history with the people of Inalahan, and does extend its sincerest *Un*  
30 *Dangkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to them for their continual efforts in preserving the  
31 Chamorro culture and history; and be it further

32           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify and the Legislative Secretary attest to,  
33 the adoption hereof, and the copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the  
34 Historic Inalahan Foundation and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
35 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA**

**LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL, 2010.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary