

I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 367-30 (cor)

Introduced by:

Edward J.B. Calvo *etc*

Ray Tenorio *[Signature]*

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Relative to recognizing the 112th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and congratulating the Filipino Community of Guam on its observance of this historic occasion.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'***
2 ***TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***
3 **WHEREAS,** the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the
4 Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth of June; and
5 **WHEREAS,** the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence
6 through the sacrifice of many Filipino Heroes such as Dr. Jose Rizal, the
7 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote 'Noli Me Tangere' (The Lost
8 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment and whose execution by
9 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led
10 the Cry of Balintawak; General Emelio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle

1 of Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the “Sublime Paralytic” and
2 the Brain of the Revolution; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted Filipinas
4 such as Melchora Aquino, known as ‘Tandang Sora’, who was exiled to the
5 Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a twenty-eight (28)
6 year old teacher who was one of the first women to lead men into battle; and
7 other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the Revolutionary
8 Forces; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on
10 June 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines’
11 independence at his hometown of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people
12 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the
13 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National
14 Anthem was played in public for the first time, after which the ‘Act of the
15 Declaration of Independence’ was solemnly read by its author Ambrosio
16 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of
17 Independence; and

18 **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of
19 Municipal Presidents and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the
20 Philippines in Malolos, Bulacan on September 1898 as an expression of the
21 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam, who come from all walks of life
23 sharing one common and diverse culture, celebrate the achievements of

1 Filipinos everywhere, especially our Filipino brothers and sisters who have
2 made Guam their home; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Philippine Independence speaks to the highest virtues of
4 the Filipino people: bravery, a commitment to freedom, and love for
5 democracy. These are the virtues our Filipino brothers and sisters in Guam
6 embody every day; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Filipinos continue a proud tradition of progress since
8 Philippine Independence, facing adversity with resolve, setting higher
9 standards of freedom and civil rights for all nations, and endeavoring every
10 day to build a better future and a better world; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina' Trenta Na*
12 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
13 people of Guam, recognize the 112th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
14 Independence of the Republic of the Philippines and further congratulates the
15 Filipino Community of Guam on its festivities in observance thereof on June
16 11, 2010 at this year's Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna
17 Resort; and be it further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
19 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
20 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Alejandro
21 B. Gagaring, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable
22 Bayani S. Mercado, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; and to the
23 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE ____ DAY
OF _____ 2010.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D
Speaker

RORY RESPICIO
Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary