I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2010 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. <u>459-30</u> (COR)

Introduced by:

T.C. Ada

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES, MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JOSE D. LEON GUERRERO PORT AUTHORITY AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR THIRTY FIFTH (35th) ANNIVERSARY AND OBSERVE OCTOBER 18-22 2010 AS "PORT WEEK".

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

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WHEREAS, the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port Authority ("Port") was
established as a public corporation and autonomous government agency by Public
Law 13-87 in October 1975; and

WHEREAS, over the last three decades, the Port has developed into a major
transshipment center for the Western Pacific providing full services to ocean
passenger, cargo and fishing vessels that have called upon Guam's sole port; and

WHEREAS, with nearly two million (2,000,000) revenue tons of cargo and ninety-four thousand (94,000) containers inspected and transported across its docks in 2009, the Port is essential and critical to the Guam economy and public welfare because of our island's limited natural resources and our dependence on imported goods including fuel, medical supplies, equipment, perishable/non-perishable
 goods and raw materials; and

WHEREAS, the three hundred forty six dedicated and hard-working employees handle port operations as stevedores, cargo checkers, equipment operators, accountants, tariff specialists, administrative staff and managers for the five (5) cargo handling piers, container yard, two (2) fuel piers, two (2) marinas and a harbor of refuge; and

8 WHEREAS, the Port annually services more than one thousand vessels from 9 around the world to include foreign-flagged cargo vessels and fishing vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Port has been awarded more than \$10 Million in federal grants from Department of Homeland Security and Department of Interior for various projects to include security systems, a Maritime and Port Security Operations Center, repairs at the Hagåtña and Agat Marina, environmental assessments and A/E designs for wharf modernization projects; and

WHEREAS, full implementation of the revised Personnel Rules and
 Regulations for the Port raised employee salaries closer to that of U.S. national
 standards; and

WHEREAS, an influx of passenger vessels arriving on Guam, Operation
Starboard was launched - a program that allows vendors to sell local products
along the Port's dockside, which contributes to Guam's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 30-52 placed Port tariffs under the oversight of the
Public Utilities Commission providing a venue for the Port to adjust its tariff; and

WHEREAS, great strides have been made with the development and progress
of the Port Modernization Program since funding for Phase IA of the Program has
been identified: \$50 Million from DOD appropriations through HR 4899 and \$54.4
Million through a direct loan from USDA; and

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WHEREAS, the Port Authority of Guam, Parsons Brinckerhoff-OAE,
 MARAD, and EA Engineering, Sciences and Technology-PMT, are all working
 collaboratively to ensure the successful implementation of the Port Modernization
 Program; and

5 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, Management and employees stand 6 committed to delivering cargo in a timely and efficient manner, and to moving 7 forward with the recommendations outlined in the Master Plan Updates to 8 transform the Port Authority of Guam into a modern facility; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby on
behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate and commend the dedicated employees,
management and the Board of Directors of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port
Authority on their thirty-fifth (35th) anniversary; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina 'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on 14 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the importance of "Port Week" and 15 encourage the people of our island to actively participate in the many activities 16 relating to the thirty-fifth celebration; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on 18 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the 19 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. 20 Enrique J.S. Agustin, General Manager of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port 21 Authority; to Mr. Monte Mesa, Chairman of the Jose D. Leon Guerrero Port 22 Authority; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

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

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