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Relative to recognizing and commending the cast and crew of “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” on their completion of the film and their success in the Eighth (8th) *Cinemataya* Film Festival in the Philippines, and the Second (2nd) Guam International Film Festival, further showcasing and propelling Guam in the International Film Festival circuit, and producing a product that instills pride within the Filipino community and the island of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS,** “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” revolves around the story of three
4 (3) women: Alex (a local newspaper photographer who gets into a “green card
5 marriage” with her good friend James, a Guam-born Filipino); Miriam (a former

1 member of the Philippine press and now an established Guam journalist who longs to
2 repair a damaged relationship with her American husband); and Ella (a hotel
3 housekeeper for almost twenty (20) years who finds means of sending her eighty-eight
4 (88) year old mother to the Philippines with the uncertainty of coming back). As the
5 island of Guam celebrates this classic American holiday when people count their
6 blessings and give thanks, the lives of the three (3) Filipina immigrants intersect and
7 find themselves at a tug-o-war of sacrifice and significance, where they must find their
8 home or must find it somewhere else; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the movie is the first in *Cinemataya* history to be shot outside of
10 the Philippines, as the entirety of the movie was shot on the island of Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” was written and directed by Julius
12 Sotomayor Cena, a University of Guam graduate who is a Santa Barbara Catholic
13 School teacher and a Guam resident for more than seventeen (17) years, who was
14 awarded the *Cinemataya* grant in late 2011; and

15 **WHEREAS**, through Sotomayor-Cena’s vision, the movie successfully
16 portrays the migrant Filipinos’ experience and trials, further shedding light on the
17 often hidden underside of life; which in the end makes it relatable with any person
18 who has experienced the feelings of human alienation and the struggles of balancing
19 identity and assimilation to environment; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the movie is proudly co-produced by Insights Works, headed by
21 Mr. Mark Joeffrey “Jet” Apostol and Mrs. Monina Apostol, a company with an
22 established clientele for post-production in the Philippines, and who took a chance and
23 played a major role with the post-production of the film; and

24 **WHEREAS**, “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” is co-directed by Mr. Randy
25 Alexander Cruz, a Filipino-Canadian, who first visited Guam days before the

1 production and played an integral part during the pre-production and filming of the
2 movie, also taking on the role of Production Manager; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the three (3) lead roles were held by three (3) wonderfully
4 talented women from Chicago, the Philippines, and our own island of Guam; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the role of Alex was played by Ms. Sue Prado, an award-winning
6 actress and a staple in the Filipino Indie Film Industry, who made her first U.S. trip to
7 Guam to shoot “Mga Dayo”, and her portrayal of the role was impeccable; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Miriam was played Ms. Janela Buhain-Carrera, a local actress,
9 and “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” is her first big role in acting, and her ability to
10 tackle her character made her relatable, and we look forward to what she is capable of
11 next; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ella was played by Ms. Olga Natividad, a veteran in the Filipino
13 theatre who is now based out of Chicago, Illinois, and she continues her craft there;
14 she successfully tells of the struggles and the hope that her character quietly holds
15 within; and

16 **WHEREAS**, along with the stellar main cast, the movie is comprised of a
17 talented and dedicated supporting cast from within the Guam community, including:
18 Brandon Muña, Aaron Aagsalud, Vicky Flor Dizon, Louella Camaganacan, Charlene
19 Baes Leffler, Christine Pama, Ariel Dimalanta, Ron Pangan, Kristine “Chynna”
20 Roxas, Clara Badong, Joyce Aquilizan, Madeleine Fernandez, Kenjoe Ada, Joseph
21 Meyers, Jason Triplett, Steven LeFever, Clarissa Michelle Torres, William Hamlin,
22 Tisha Smith, Vincente Cruz, Grace Yanger, Tessa Borja Weidenbacher, Valerie
23 Gonzales, Shirley Mabini, Andre Lansigan, Pal Lansigan, Louisa Lansigan, Marlon
24 Vargas, Philip Sanchez, Helen Tucio, Clyde Swink, Regis Reyes, Rafael “Bong”
25 Mojas, Jesse Castro, Michael Ehlert, Victoria Blas-Toves, Joey Charles, Alyssa

1 Howel, Kyran Abad, Aydan Abad, Rubyjane Buhain-Redila, Rhea Ayne Penalosa-
2 Chong, April Aranda, and several other people who appeared as extras; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the main production crew for “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” was
4 made up of Guam’s very own people: Myracle S. Mugol as Associate Producer and
5 Production Design; Costumes by Kristine Chynna Roxas and Clara Badong;
6 Cameramen were Arden Bonto, Francis Pineda and Gilbert “Toots” Redilla; Sound by
7 Jesse Castro; Casting Coordinator was Kel Muña; Production Coordinator was Ana
8 Cornwell, and the production was further assisted by Sandra Okada, Dante Dela Rosa
9 Jr., Anjelica Okada, Kevin Wehman, Charissa Atalig Manibusan, Don Muña, Brian
10 Muña, and Anton Ngata; and

11 **WHEREAS**, “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” was also helped by Pearlsha
12 Abubakar, Ver Custodio, Armando “Bing” Lao, Adrian Monserate, Noel Solayao,
13 Carla Samantha Ocampo, Jonathan Zuniga Urbano, Dominic Benedicto, Daisy
14 Apostol, Jeff Apostol, and several other people in Guam and the Philippines; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in trying to recognize the film, the same sentiments that the crew
16 continues to say during their questions and answers explains that when “Mga Dayo:
17 Resident Aliens” is recognized, they address the process and the involvement of the
18 community as a whole and recognize that the film may have their names credited on it
19 but it is the island’s people, the island’s stories and the island’s support that helped
20 make the movie and it is simply an honor to represent the Filipino community , Guam
21 and what Guam can do; and

22 **WHEREAS**, on the opening night of the Second (2nd) Guam International Film
23 Festival, they succeed in bringing the film back home and holding it for the island to
24 see in our very own festival; now therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
26 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the cast and crew of “Mga

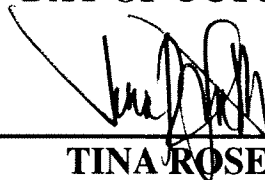
1 Dayo: Resident Aliens” on their completion of the film, and on their success in the
2 Eighth (8th) Annual *Cinemalya* Film Festival and their debut at home on the opening
3 night of the Second (2nd) Guam International Film Festival; does congratulate Julius
4 Sotomayor-Cena and “Mga Dayo: Resident Aliens” for winning GIFF’s Best Made in
5 the Marianas Award and The People’s Choice Award; and does further congratulate
6 Julius Sotomayor-Cena and his team for further propelling Guam in the international
7 film festival circuit and producing a product that the Filipino community and the
8 people of Guam can take pride in; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
10 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Director
11 Julius Sotomayor-Cena; to Mark Joeffrey “Jet” Apostol of Insight Works; to Assistant
12 Director Randy Alexander Cruz; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I*
13 *Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2012.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary