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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH (113TH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND TO CONGRATULATING THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY OF GUAM ON ITS OBSERVANCE OF THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic
4 of the Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth (12th) of June; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence
6 through the sacrifices 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 the
10 Cry of Balintawak; General Emilio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle of
11 Binakayan; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the "Sublime Paralytic" and the
12 "Brain of the Revolution"; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by noted
14 Filipinas, such as, Melchora Aquino, known as "Tandang Sora", who was
15 exiled to the Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a
16 twenty- eight (28) year old teacher, who was one of the first women to lead men

1 into battle; and other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined the
2 Revolutionary Forces; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on
4 June 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines'
5 Independence at his home town of Kawit, Cavite, where thousands of people
6 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including, the
7 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National Anthem
8 was being played in public for the first time, after which the "Act of the
9 Declaration of Independence" was solemnly read by its author, Ambrosio
10 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of
11 Independence; and

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

16 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino Community of Guam annually celebrates
17 Philippine Independence and the numerous contributions that Filipinos have made
18 to our island, with various activities such as: Filipino Community of Guam's
19 Philippine Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna Guam Hotel on June 10; a
20 Filipino-American Golf Tournament on June 11; a flag-raising ceremony at the
21 Philippine Consulate Office of Guam at the ITC Building, an Independence Day
22 Mass at San Vitores Church, and a wreath-laying ceremony at the War in the
23 Pacific National Historical Park in Asan on June 12; and a Water Festival at Ypao
24 Beach on June 26; now, therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf
26 of the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the "One Hundred Thirteenth
27 (113th) Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of the Republic of

1 the Philippines", and does further congratulate the Filipino Community of Guam;
2 and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and Legislative Secretary attest to,
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Ms.
5 Leah Beth Naholowaa, President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable
6 Bayani Mercado, Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; and to the Honorable
7 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF MAY 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary