

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 170-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COUNCIL FOR THE
HUMANITIES UPON THE OCCASION OF THE COUNCIL'S
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO BE CELEBRATED ON AUGUST 12,
2011.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI***
2 ***UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities was established
4 in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in April 1991 and will celebrate its
5 Twentieth Anniversary with a special dinner event on August 12, 2011; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Council has maintained its nonprofit status under the 501(c)(3) tax
7 status since 1991 and its mission is to “foster awareness, understanding and appreciation for the
8 humanities through support of educational programs that relate to the humanities of the
9 indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the
10 Commonwealth”; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Council is governed by a thirteen (13) member board of directors, and
12 the current officers are: Tracy M. Guerrero, Chair, Jerold Facey, Vice-Chair, and Joann T.
13 Aquino, Secretary –Treasurer; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Council is affiliated with and receives annual grant support from the
15 U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities and has awarded roughly Eight Hundred Ninety
16 Thousand Dollars (\$890,000) in outright cash awards for one hundred fifty-three (153)
17 individual grants over the past twenty (20) years; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Council is designated an “educational institution”, thus making it
19 eligible to receive public donations under the Education Tax Credit Program, and administers a

1 variety of high quality programs and educational initiatives, becoming a respected community-
2 based organization recognized for its commitment to promoting lifelong learning in the
3 humanities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Council, in advancing its mission, has established collaborative
5 relationships with a wide variety of local, regional, and international institutions, organizations,
6 and individuals, including the Richard F. Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) at
7 the University of Guam, and has established a new collaborative relationship with the Guam
8 Preservation Trust which will involve organizing and holding a Marianas-wide history
9 conference in 2012; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Council has given priority to the study, preservation, and appreciation
11 of the indigenous languages, cultures, and history in the Mariana Islands, and has also sponsored
12 programs that explore, document, and recognize the many contributions made by the non-
13 indigenous residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Council has many current programs, among which are: the nationally-
15 recognized Motherread/Fatheread Program that teaches parent and children literacy skills; the
16 Teachers Institute that provides K-12 classroom teachers with a solid overview of the history of
17 the Mariana Islands; a weekly radio show that provides a wide-ranging humanities-based
18 programming; the Micronesia Authors Initiative that publishes the works of indigenous writers;
19 the diversified classroom programs that engage students in the humanities at an early age such as
20 the Sengebau Poetry Competition, the Junior High Mock Trial Program, the Covenant Day
21 Debate and programs exploring multi-culturalism; an initiative to promote geo-tourism in the
22 Commonwealth to foster sustainable economic development and to establish an authentic sense
23 of place for both visitors and residents; the Community Lecture Series on humanities topics of
24 interest to the public; a National Science Foundation supported multi-year project to revise the
25 Chamorro/English dictionary; and a digital database of primary source documents and images
26 needed to facilitate the study of local history; now, therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA*
28 *LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* and the people of Guam, does hereby recognize the many
29 accomplishments of the Northern Mariana Islands Council of the Humanities over the last twenty
30 (20) years and congratulate them on their widely-recognized historic and cultural preservation
31 efforts, and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA*
2 *LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* and the people of Guam, does hereby honor the Council for its
3 desire to further service the Northern Mariana Islands with public programs that explore the
4 community's expanding intellectual interests, such as diversity/multiculturalism and governance,
5 and that engage national humanities initiatives, such as promoting civic discourse and bridging
6 cultures; and be it further

7 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,
8 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
9 thereafter transmitted to the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities; and to the
10 Honorable Edward B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I
MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS _____ DAY OF
AUGUST 2011.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.

Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES

Legislative Secretary