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RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "SISTER CITY" RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE TERRITORY OF GUAM, IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE FURTHER GROWTH OF FRIENDSHIP, CAMARADERIE AND COMMERCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TWO REGIONS.

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

3 WHEREAS, the bond between the people of the United States
4 Territory of Guam and the people of the Republic of the Philippines has
5 grown stronger over the years, as the two neighbors in the Western
6 Pacific Ocean share many of the same influences, both political and
7 cultural; and

8 WHEREAS, a number of Guam's residents can trace their roots
9 back to the Philippines, and specifically to the Province of Pangasinan in
10 Luzon, which is often referred to as the "heartland of the Philippines;"
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the people of Guam, along with our brothers and
13 sisters from the Republic of Philippines, and especially those from the
14 Province of Pangasinan, share more commonalities than differences, and
15 together we can better prepare for a future of unprecedented
16 opportunities towards the sustained growth of our communities; and

17 WHEREAS, the relationship between good neighbors on both

1 sides of the Philippine Sea was further strengthened when the
2 Federation of Pangasinanses on Guam was recently recognized by *I*
3 *Liheslatura*, and designated as “Honorary Goodwill Ambassadors-At-
4 Large” for the people of Guam, on their important Medical Mission to
5 the Province of Pangasinan, to help the impoverished people living in
6 small towns in the Province who are unable to afford medical care; and

7 **WHEREAS**, with the good people of both Guam and Pangasinan
8 finding common ground, working together, assisting each other, and
9 helping to make the most of future opportunities, the official
10 establishment of a “Sister City” relationship between Guam and
11 Pangasinan would be highly beneficial; and

12 **WHEREAS**, such a “Sister City” relationship is defined as an
13 officially approved, long-term partnership between two communities
14 from different countries, and such official relationships can involve very
15 diverse activities, including municipal, professional, educational,
16 cultural and business-related projects; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is therefore the intent of the Committee on Rules of
18 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to request of the Honorable Amado T. Espino, Jr.,
19 Governor of the Province of Pangasinan, Republic of the Philippines,
20 and the Honorable Jose Ferdinand Z. Calimlim, Jr., the Vice Governor
21 and Presiding Officer of the Provincial Board of the Province of
22 Pangasinan, Republic of the Philippines, their concurrence in an official
23 long-term, “Sister City” relationship between the Province of
24 Pangasinan, Republic of the Philippines and the Territory of Guam; now
25 therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’ Trentai Unu*
27 *Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
28 of Guam, does hereby request the concurrence of the Honorable
29 Governor and Honorable Vice Governor of the Province of Pangasinan,

1 Republic of the Philippines for the establishment of a "Sister City"
2 relationship with the people of the Territory of Guam, United States of
3 America; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the
5 Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
6 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be hereafter transmitted to
7 the Honorable Amado T. Espino, Jr., Governor of the Province of
8 Pangasinan; to the Honorable Jose Ferdinand Z. Calimlim, Jr., Vice
9 Governor and the Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of
10 the Province of Pangasinan; to the members of the Provincial Board of
11 the Province of Pangasinan; to Major Vic R. Rivo, Sr. (Ret.), President of
12 the Federation of Pangasinanes of Guam; to the Officers and Board of
13 Directors of the Federation of Pangasinanes on Guam; to Hon. Edgar
14 Thomas Auxilian, Consul of the Philippines, Guam Consulate Office; to
15 the Honorable Harry K. Thomas, Jr., Ambassador of the United States of
16 America to the Republic of the Philippines; to His Excellency Benigno
17 Simeon Cojuangco Aquino, III, President of the Republic of the
18 Philippines; to His Excellency Jejomar Cabauatan Binay, Vice President
19 of the Republic of the Philippines; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
20 Calvo, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

21 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON**
22 **RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**
23 **ON THIS TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.**