I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2012(SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 342-31(L5)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE LAGUNA ASSOCIATION 12TH THEIR **ANNIVERSARY GUAM** ON AND **INDUCTION CELEBRATION OF NEW** OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AND EXTENDING A WARM UN DANGKOLO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY OF **GUAM** AND LAGUNA. PHILIPPINES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

- WHEREAS, the Laguna Association of Guam is a Filipino organization
- 4 whose ideals are to promote brotherhood and camaraderie; protect the interest of
- 5 its members and invite all Filipinos, Fil-Chamorros, regardless of province-birth
- 6 who are eager and willing to be adopted sons and daughters of the historical
- 7 province of Laguna; and

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- 8 WHEREAS; the Laguna Association of Guam was first conceptualized by
- 9 the various families on Guam from different towns of Laguna, Philippines who had
- a vision of hope for camaraderie and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the vision of these individuals came to reality at their first 1 organizational meeting held on January 17, 2000 with forty-eight (48) individuals 2 representing twenty-eight (28) families from Laguna, Philippines; and 3 WHEREAS, the first membership meeting was held on January 30, 2000 4 with thirty (30) towns from Laguna being represented by one hundred and fifty 5 (150) individuals and the first meeting of the Executive Board was held on 6 February 23, 2000 which led the way for a formal certification of the association 7 on September 17, 2011 by Guam's Department of Revenue and Taxation; and 8 WHEREAS, from the establishment of the association, the Laguna 9 Association has participated in fundraisers and special events benefiting many 10 charitable organizations, including: Guam Lytico & Boding Association, American 11 Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Alee Shelter, Guam Skilled Nursing 12 Facility, Catholic Social Services, Make-A-Wish, Mindanao Catholic Church 13 Renovation Project, Philippine National Red Cross, and various foundation for 14 abused children and disaster victims in the Philippines; and 15 WHEREAS, other donations from the association include trash containers 16 to Guma Trankilidad, Two Lovers Point and Liberation Day Festivities; and 17 WHEREAS, the Laguna Association of Guam also donated playground 18 equipment to D.L. Perez Elementary School, Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary and 19 Upi Elementary School through a matching federal grant and Philippine textbooks 20 to the Philippine Consulate and Maria Ulloa Elementary School; and 21 WHEREAS, in December 2001 the association donated a public picnic 22 shelter with barbeque pit and shower facilities at the Paseo de Susana Park in 23 Hagåtña, with upgrades to the shelter that included additional concrete walkways 24 and picnic tables and benches; and 25 WHEREAS, a bust statue of Dr. Jose Rizal, a Philippine national hero born 26

in Calamba, Laguna was purchased by the Laguna Association of Guam and

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- installed at the official residence of the Philippine Consul General's home in
- 2 Tamuning to be used as a site for Filipinos of Guam to gather and honor the
- 3 national hero on his birthday and Rizal Day; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the driving force behind the achievements of the association
- 5 has been the commitment of its leaders and members as well as support from the
- 6 business community of Guam and the help of family and friend; and
- WHEREAS, the outgoing executive officers of the Laguna Association of
- 8 Guam, namely Aida Miranda, President; Leo Ungdoracion, Vice President; Cecile
- 9 Arciaga, Recording Secretary; Lolit Tuazon, Corresponding Secretary; Ellie
- 10 Baldemor, Treasurer; Ellen Cadawas, Assistant Treasurer; Rudy Cahinhinam,
- 11 Auditor; Nancy Baldoz, Business Manager; Omar Baldemor, Assistant Business
- Manager; Liberty Dacquel, Public Relations Officers; Lito de Leon, Sergeant at
- 13 Arms; Ramon Gabriel, Sergeant at Arms; Leo Tamondong, Sergeant at Arms;
- 14 Eddie Abaya, Angel Baldemor, Bernie Cadawas, Maria Gracia de Luna, Linda
- 15 Carmona, Frank de Leon, Mryna Enriquez, Ponching Elomina, Jhun Gabon,
- 16 Clarissa Gabriel, Vangie Lasanas, Rufo Magante, Virgie Salas, Rose Tuquero,
- Sonia Ugdoracion, members of the Board of Directors; and Nelia Cahinhinan, Fred
- 18 Carmona, Alex Gagaring, Willie Miranda, Rene Valenzuela, Advisers have led in
- organizing and contributed invaluable time and service to the mission of the
- 20 association; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the newly elected officers of the association, namely Nancy
- 22 Baldoz, President; Leo Ugdoracion, Vice President; Virgie Salas, Secretary; Rudy
- 23 Cahinhinan, Treasurer; Lolita Tuazon, Assistant Treasurer; Zenie De Vera,
- 24 Auditor; Linda Carmona, Business Manager; Rufo Magante, Assistant Business
- Manager; Ariel Gutiza, Public Relations Officer; Joselito De Leon, Sergeant at
- 26 Arms; Ramon Gabriel, Sergeant at Arms; Leo Tamondong, Sergeant at Arms;
- 27 Rose Tuquero, Corresponding Secretary; Ellie Baldemor, Bernie Cadwas, Liberty

Dacquel, Frank De Leon, Raquel De Leon, Maria Garcia Le Luna, Mryna 1 Enriquez, Clarissa Gabriel, Rina Basbas, Dan Romulo, Luz Eserio, Sonia 2 Ugdoracion, Mina De Leon, Ofel Villanueva, Peter Villanueva, members of the 3 Board of Directors; Aida Miranda, Alex Gagaring, Fred Carmona, Rene 4 Valenzuela, Willy Miranda, Neila Cahinhinan, Joe T. San Agustin, Joe Guevara, 5 Advisers have been chosen to continue the mission of the Laguna Association of 6 7 Guam; and now, therefore be it RESOLVED, I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam, commend 8 and congratulate the Laguna Association of Guam on their 12th anniversary and 9 induction of new officers and extend a warm Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase' 10 for their contributions to the community of Guam; and be it further 11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules 12 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that 13 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Aida Miranda, outgoing President of 14 the Laguna Association of Guam; Nancy Baldoz, newly elected President of the 15 Laguna Association of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I 16 Maga'lahen Guåhan. 17 DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÂHAN ON THE _____ DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D

Speaker