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Resolution No. 420-31(cov)

Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and commemorating the feast of the village of Malojloj with their patron saint San Isidro, the farmer, who has continually brought the people of the southern village together in celebrating the guidance and abundant blessings the source of practicing Chamorro traditions that remains symbolic to the island of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF**

2 *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:*

3 **WHEREAS**, the island of Guam cultivates its precious culture and
4 traditions in many ways taught by generations before, and among these are the
5 celebration of village fiestas commemorating the patron saints which intercedes for
6 the people of the village ; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this practice is celebrated annually in all various villages of
8 Guam to be shared not only to the people of the village, but also, to the whole
9 island community and visitors who wish to participate in the event and practice the
10 island's tradition; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in the month of May, the village of Malojloj celebrates the
12 feast of their patron saint, San Isidro, the farmer; and

1 **WHEREAS**, San Isidro is the local name translated from “Saint Isidore”
2 who was born in Madrid, Spain in the latter half of the 12th century and lived a
3 humble life with his parents and eventually took a job as a farmer as soon as he
4 was old enough to work; and

5 **WHEREAS**, San Isidro married a very religious woman named Maria
6 Torribia, also known as Maria de la Cabeza, who had also become a saint after
7 being recognized after their death; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the saint died in May 15, 1120 at age 60 and the church had
9 canonized him as a saint on March 12, 1622; and

10 **WHEREAS**, for many years, up to this date, San Isidro had remain to be an
11 inspiration to people from the village of Malojloj and looks up to him as a model
12 of Christian perfection, a paradigm of a good laborer, a witness to loving God and
13 neighbors, and especially the poor; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Malojoloj started as a farming community in the 1930s and
15 that the people of Malojloj believes that through the intercession of San Isidro,
16 they have been blessed with good life, rich harvest and abundance of food; and

17 **WHEREAS**, for a number of events, the San Isidro chapel, to which the
18 land for the chapel was donated by the very first resident of the village, Mr. Jose
19 Meno, had experienced serious damages through the natural destruction of
20 typhoons in 1949, 1962, and 2002, ; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the chapel for San Isidro became reality in late 1948, and
22 eventually officially declared as San Isidro Catholic Church as a parish in 1973,
23 and up to this day remains a symbol of unity in the village of Malojloj; and now,
24 be it further

25 **RESOLVED**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam,
26 commemorate the feast of the village of Malojloj’s patron saint, San Isidro, the
27 farmer who brings together the people of the village and the people of the island

1 together in celebrating a joyous cultural event and extend a warm *Un Dangkolo Na*
2 *Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to the village of Malojloj in the significance they play in living
3 the Chamorro tradition and showing this practice to the community of Guam and
4 the island's visitors; and be it further

5 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
6 Rules certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof,
7 and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to San Isidro Catholic Church;
8 and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 18th
DAY OF MAY, 2012.**

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Chairman, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
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