

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

Resolution No. 546-31 (COP)

Introduced By:

T.R. Muña Barnes
M. Silva Taijeron
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Relative to recognizing the 20th Convention of the Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA) and commending the organization and its members for their dedication to service, mutual cooperation, work towards a better life and striving for peace for the Asia-Pacific region.

2012 OCT -3 AM 10: 11


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

3 **WHEREAS**, in October 2012, Guam is proud to host the 20th Convention of the
4 Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA); and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is FAWA's mission to promote closer relations, and bring about joint
6 efforts among the Asian-Pacific communities, particularly among women, through mutual
7 appreciation of cultural, moral and socio-economic value; and

8 **WHEREAS**, FAWA's motto is "Asian Women United for Service", and their objectives
9 are to foster friendship and understanding, and to develop mutual cooperation among the Asia-
10 Pacific women; to understand their philosophy and values, and to encourage cultural ties among
11 the Asia-Pacific countries; to work towards a better life for the Asia-Pacific region; and to strive
12 for peace; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association was founded in 1959,
14 by distinguished international women with the highest academic backgrounds; and

1 **WHEREAS**, these women were products of the best universities in the world, and a
2 number of them were members of the Parliament of their respective countries, if not the officers
3 of prestigious world women organizations; and

4 **WHEREAS**, FAWA consists of organizations from the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan,
5 Singapore, Korea, and Guam;

6 **WHEREAS**, on Guam there are eight (8) FAWA member organizations which include
7 the Guam Women's Club (a charter member club of FAWA), the Guam Council of Women's
8 Clubs, the American Association of University Women - Guam Chapter, the Chinese Ladies
9 Association of Guam, the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam, the International Women's Club
10 of Guam, Soroptimist International of Guam and Soroptimist International of the Marianas; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Charter Members included: Burma - Union of Burma Council of Women's
12 Associations; Guam - Guam Women's Club; Laos - Lao Women's Association; Singapore -
13 Federation of Girls Clubs (now Singapore Women's Association); the Republic of China - Taipei
14 International Women's Club, Chinese Women, Anti-Aggression League, and YWCA; Thailand -
15 Thai Culture Women's Club; Vietnam - International Women's Association; and the Philippines
16 - National Federation of Women's Clubs; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Guam was a charter member nation of FAWA and Congresswoman
18 Madeleine Z. Bordallo's signature is on the official charter; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Congresswoman Bordallo served as President of FAWA in 1998, which
20 was the last time the FAWA convention was held in Guam; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the FAWA convention is held every two years and hosting rotates between
22 member nations. It has been held on Guam four times in 1964, 1978, 1990, and 1998; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the FAWA Board consists of representatives from the FAWA member
2 nations, and those from Guam include Honorary President, Congresswoman Madeleine Z.
3 Bordallo, President, Kristal Koga, Secretary, Dr. Rebecca Stephenson, Treasurer Chet Neri, and
4 Programme Chair, Lulu Chen; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the 20th Convention organizers include Sylvia Crafton as the chairperson,
6 and Nancy Tan and Denise Mendiola-Hertslet as the co-chairpersons for the 20th Convention,
7 and members from women's clubs on Guam, with support and service in action of Guam Girl
8 Scouts, Inc., and their Executive Director, Vickie Fish; now, therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan*
10 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam recognizing the 20th Convention of the
11 Federation of Asia-Pacific Women's Association (FAWA) and commending the organization
12 and its members for their dedication to service, mutual cooperation, work towards a better life
13 and striving for peace for the Asia-Pacific region; and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify,
15 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
16 thereafter transmitted to Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Kristal Koga, Dr. Rebecca
17 Stephenson, Chet Neri, Guam Women's Club President Carina Fejerang, Guam Council of
18 Women's Clubs President and FAWA Co-Chairperson Denise Mendiola-Hertslet, American
19 Association of University Women - Guam Chapter President Dr. Mary Okada, Chinese Ladies
20 Association of Guam President Lulu Chen, Filipino Ladies Association of Guam President
21 Leony Ronquillo, International Women's Club of Guam President Delores Walters, Soroptimist
22 International of Guam President Bernadette Lou Sablan, Soroptimist International of the

- 1 Marianas President Lillian Llaneta Reyes, FAWA Chairperson Sylvia Crafton and FAWA Co-
- 2 Chairperson Nancy Tan; 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 THIS ___ DAY OF _____ 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary