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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I

WHEREAS, the Filipinos had been on Guam long before the arrival of Americans. By the end of the Spanish rule, there was a big influx of Filipinos. Many of
them were exiles, both penal and political, during the Spanish administration of the
Philippines and Guam; and

WHEREAS, when the Americans took possession of the Philippines in the early
1900s, more Filipinos were exiled to Guam. In 1902, fifty-two (52) Filipinos were exiled,
including Apolinario Mabini, one of the great Filipino revolutionary leaders, and known
to the Filipinos as the “Brain of the Revolution and the Sublime Paralytic.” Other
repatriates included noted Generals of the revolution, namely: Artemio Ricarte, Pio del
Pilar, Mariano Trias and General Santos; and two famous lawyers, Pablo Ocampo and
Julian Gerona; and

WHEREAS, of the fifty-two (52) exiles, Leon Flores, Pancrasio Palting and
Maximo Tolentino remained on Guam and later adopted the island as their home, while
all the others returned to the Philippines. Leon Flores, who became the island attorney of
Guam, is the father of the late Archbishop Felixberto Flores; and Pancrasio Palting is the
father of the late Honorable Paul Palting, former Senator; and

WHEREAS, during the Spanish rule, the Filipinos did not enjoy civil rights.
However, the Americans changed the atmosphere when they arrived; and the Filipinos
were allowed to hold gatherings and conduct their own community affairs. These
gatherings transformed the Filipino community into a closely-knit group, recalling their
happy days together in the Philippines, and sharing the pains of the separation from their
relatives. They were the pioneers who paved the path for the present Filipino Community
of Guam; and

WHEREAS, after the war, many more Filipinos came to Guam, this time not as
exiles, but as adventurous young men. Mark Pangilinan was one of them. They settled
down here and their achievements have earned for them the undying affection and kind
hospitality of the people of Guam. These men did the spadework and laid the foundation
on which the present Filipino Community of Guam built its organization; and
WHEREAS, the Filipino Community of Guam was officially organized in 1954, immediately after the July 4th observance of the Independence Anniversary. The zeal of these Filipino-Americans gave birth to the founding of the Filipino Community of Guam, with Mr. Henry Schnabel serving as the Chairman of the Steering Committee; and he was ably assisted by the late Attorney Al Lamorena, father of Presiding Judge Alberto Lamorena and former Senator Tony Lamorena; and Angel Ilagan, Cesar Sison (all deceased), Art Gamboa, and Tony Dimalanta, who was elected as the first President. Consul Bartolome Umayam (deceased) of the Philippine Consulate General actively participated in the founding of the association; and

WHEREAS, the constitution and by-laws were approved and adopted and the first board of directors was elected on September 8, 1954. The objectives were enumerated as follows: to foster unity and closer relations among Filipinos on Guam; to preserve the cherished traditions of the Filipino people; to cooperate with the duly constituted authorities of the Territory of Guam in the promotion of civic, social and moral welfare; to improve and conserve the bonds of friendship existing between the Filipinos and the Americans, Guamanians and other residents of Guam; to undertake any lawful acts or things necessary and expedient for the promotion of the commonwealth; to establish a cultural center on Guam, which shall be known as the “Philippine Cultural Center”; and to acquire, purchase, sell, mortgage, lease or encumber any real or personal properties; and

WHEREAS, during its early years, the biggest and most important activity sponsored by the Filipino Community of Guam was the carnival that was held in Tamuning, entitled: “KNOW THE PHILIPPINES EXPOSITION.” There were booths representing the various provinces; and the affair was climaxed with the Coronation of Miss Philippines and her Court of Honor (Miss Luzon, Miss Visayas and Miss Mindoro); and
WHEREAS, on March 6, 1955, during the incumbency of Mrs. Carmen Dela Cruz (the only woman President), the *Filipiniana*, an official organ of the Filipino Community of Guam, made its maiden bow. The publication, which was conceived out of a desire to reach out to all the Filipinos on the island, filled a long-felt need of the association; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, the Guam Heroes Memorial Park project at the Skinner Plaza was conceived. It must be said that since its inception, the Filipino Community of Guam has dedicated itself to the realization of its principal goal: to be part and parcel of the entire community striving for a common goal; and the Guam Heroes Memorial Park is tangible proof of their dedication to that objective; and

WHEREAS, the FCG is the parent organization of sixty-five (65) member associations. The various Filipino associations have contributed to undertaking several community projects on Guam. In addition to establishing the Guam Heroes Memorial Park, the statue of the late Archbishop Felixberto Flores was refurbished for the betterment of the community; and the current project of the FCG is to build a clubhouse where its meetings and other activities will be held; and

WHEREAS, the Mr. and Mrs. FCG Popularity Contest, spearheaded by Emelio Uy in 1993, has until now contributed significantly in raising funds for the project. By the end of December 31, 1994, the FCG’s fund balance had amounted to One Hundred Thirty-two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars ($132,169) under the leadership of Mr. Ed Bernal; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, with Peter S. Dumaliang at the helm, other programs such as the first raffle drawing for the various community projects and the 1st Annual Golf Tournament were launched, and proved to be very successful fundraisers. These fundraisers helped generate One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Five Dollars ($144,005) in net proceeds for 1995 alone, boosting its fund balance as of December 31, 1995 to Two Hundred Seventy-six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-four Dollars ($276,174); and
WHEREAS, on July 12, 1998, Mr. Emelio Uy and Consul General Antonio Villamor spearheaded the centennial celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Philippine Independence through dance, music, and the showcasing of regional costumes. Their show proved to be a hit on Guam as even non-Filipinos were enchanted by the group’s skill and grace; and

WHEREAS, a Celebrity Golf Tournament chaired by Ted Neri and former FCG president Roger Ruelos was also completed under Mr. Emelio Uy’s administration. This tournament helped raise funds for the FCG’s clubhouse projects, as well as other charitable projects of the group; and

WHEREAS, another noteworthy project was the FCG fundraising drive initiated by Mr. Emelio Uy for the disaster relief of the victims of Typhoon Babs in the Philippines. The Typhoon Babs Relief Fundraising Drive, chaired by FCG Vice Presidents, Bert Jurinario and Rene Quintans, was able to raise more than Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000) in cash donations; as well as the donation of two 40-foot containers, courtesy of Matson Navigation, that were filled with relief goods, to include clothing, blankets, and canned goods. Thanks to Continental Micronesia and other sponsors, Mr. Uy accompanied a delegation from the FCG to personally present the group’s donation to none other than Philippine President Joseph “Erap” Estrada, who thanked the FCG effusively for the group’s generosity, noting that the FCG was one of the first Filipino overseas groups to respond to the typhoon relief efforts in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, the first GAWAD ULIRANG PILIPINO has also been conceived to honor the milestone of sixty (60) years of civic engagement and humanitarian services of the Filipino Community of Guam. This award is to give recognition to notable Filipino-Americans of the island of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino Community of Guam believes in the future of Guam and respects its relationship with its people and the different ethnic groups constituting the
population of the island. It exists not to seek rewards or commendations, but to pursue
that noble task of helping to make Guam progressive, and offering gratitude to an island
that has been a generous home to them; and

WHEREAS, just as it has lived in an era of its own and has become a part of the
history of Guam, the Filipino Community of Guam is here to stay forever; now therefore,
be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan
Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and the people of Guam,
recognize and congratulate the Filipino Community of Guam (FCG) on the occasion of
its Sixtieth (60th) Year Anniversary; and does further extend a warm and sincere Un
Dåŋkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse' to the FCG for keeping the Philippine culture and heritage
strong among the Filipinos of our island community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
same be thereafter transmitted to Roy Salvador A. Adonay, President of the Filipino
Community of Guam; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

RORY J. RÉSPICIO  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

TINA ROSE MÜÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary
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