Relative to recognizing and congratulating *Iglesia Ni Cristo* on the occasion of their Thirty-ninth (39th) Anniversary Celebration.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:**

WHEREAS, in 1960, the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, or Church of Christ, started to hold worship services on Guam and was registered with the government of Guam on March 17, 1969; and
WHEREAS, the initial group of members of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* consisted of fifty (50) members who met in a rented Quonset hut in Tamuning; and

WHEREAS, the late Brother Liberato Panares arrived from the Philippines on November 29, 1969 as the locale's first resident minister and after that, the late Brother Aniceto S. Bunag, Sr. presided over the erection of a semi-concrete Church on Route 16 in Harmon, Dededo; and

WHEREAS, the late Brother Cipriano P. Sandoval, General Secretary of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, came all the way from the Central Office of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* in New Era, Quezon City, Philippines to officiate in a worship service on Guam dedicating the first church and adjacent parsonage in 1973, when the church had one hundred fifty (150) members; and

WHEREAS, the number of members lead to the formation of another locale on the island and the locale of Apra Heights in Santa Rita was organized in 1984; and

WHEREAS, with the continuing growth and increase in the number of members, the need for a bigger, more impressive house of worship became the ardent wish and desire of the entire congregation; this resulted in the approval of a construction of a new house of worship with the benevolent support of the Administration of the Church where devotional prayers could be held; and

WHEREAS, construction started immediately on February 22, 1993 and the present house of worship in Harmon, an elegant $2.1 Million edifice with a six hundred (600) seating capacity, was dedicated to God on March 19, 1994
and serves as the spiritual sanctuary for the more than one thousand (1,000) worshipers on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; and

WHEREAS, the edifice, impressive and magnificent from the outside, reflects the holiness and sanctity of the Church of Christ and the sacredness of its mission – to bring honor and glory to the Almighty God -- and today it is one of the most conspicuous and remarkable landmarks in Guam; and

WHEREAS, in commemorating these momentous events, the locales of Harmon and Apra Heights combined their efforts to host a Grand Evangelical Mission (GEM) with Musical Presentation, and this is an opportunity for the public to hear why the Iglesia Ni Cristo believes in the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, on this occasion, Minister Levie Galapon, Jr. of Apra Heights is offering the biblical reason why the Church believes in the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ, citing verses in the Bible that highlight the signs of His Second Coming and pointing out the events that will transpire in this world during the day that Christ comes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of I Lihesluran Guåhan and the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Iglesia Ni Cristo and its locales for their mission, devotion, accomplishments and belief in the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
of Guam, and does wish Lieutenant Colonel Ridilla continued success in his military career; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Peter Ridilla, 36th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander; to Brigadier General Douglas Owens, 36th Wing Commander; to Colonel Mark Talley, 36th Mission Group Commander; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I'Maga'laheñ Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2008.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker and Chairwoman, Executive Committee

TINA ROSE MUñA BARNES
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature