

***I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 1 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to commending and congratulating Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda on their tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world peace and to congratulating the world-wide members of Soka Gakkai International (SGI), SGI-USA, Guam, on their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of SGI.**

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**  
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS**, in response to the needs of an increasingly global  
4 community of Soka Gakkai members, the Soka Gakkai International (SGI) was  
5 formed in Guam on January 26, 1975, and on the same day, thirty-four (34)  
6 years ago, one hundred fifty-eight (158) delegates from fifty-one (51) countries  
7 met for the first World Peace Conference, nominating Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, then  
8 president of Soka Gakkai, to head the new Soka Gakkai International; and

9           **WHEREAS**, Guam was selected as the venue to conduct the first World  
10 Peace Conference, given that the *Chamorro* people suffered so terribly from the  
11 ravages of war; and

12           **WHEREAS**, from that auspicious occasion, the delegates founded Soka  
13 Gakkai International (SGI), and began the worldwide grassroots activities of  
14 peace, education and culture, based on the humanistic outlook of Nichiren  
15 Buddhism; and

16           **WHEREAS**, today, SGI is a worldwide network with eighty-two (82)  
17 constituent organizations and more than twelve million (12,000,000) members  
18 in one hundred ninety-two (192) countries and territories, sharing a common  
19 vision of global peace and prosperity and for twenty-nine (29) years, has been  
20 accredited as a Non-governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations  
21 (UN); and

1           **WHEREAS**, as a NGO of the United Nations, SGI has worked tirelessly  
2 with other UN entities in promoting harmony and coexistence between  
3 nations in the fields of humanitarian relief and public education, with a focus  
4 on peace, environmental protection and human rights; and

5           **WHEREAS**, throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Dr. Ikeda's peace  
6 proposals addressed such themes as the power of dialogue, the adoption of a  
7 Universal Declaration Renouncing War, and the need for mutual respect in  
8 cultural exchange; and he further cited the important role of the United  
9 Nations in maintaining global security, while challenging it to become more  
10 representative of the people rather than just nation states; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda, who has attained the status of a world-renowned  
12 Buddhist scholar and peace activist, has made it his personal mission to  
13 engage in more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) dialogues for peace  
14 with noted world leaders such as Dr. Arnold Toynbee; Nobel Laureate and  
15 former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela; former U.S. Secretary of  
16 State Henry Kissinger; former Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev;  
17 civil rights leader Rosa Parks; and Dr. Elise Boulding; and

18           **WHEREAS**, for his humanitarian endeavors in a range of fields, Dr.  
19 Ikeda has been a recipient of numerous honorary doctorates and awards  
20 including the United Nation Peace Award, the Rosa Parks Humanitarian  
21 Award, the National Order of the Southern Cross of the Republic of Brazil, the  
22 United States Congressional Award, the Honorary Cross of Science and the

1 Arts from the Austrian Ministry of Education, Medal of the Grand Officer of  
2 Arts and Letters from the French Ministry of Culture, the Grand Officer  
3 award from the President of the Italian Republic and the World Poet  
4 Laureateship from the World Poetry Society, the Order of Friendship from  
5 Russia, and the Honorary Doctorate from the University of Guam; and

6         **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has encouraged the members of SGI to devote  
7 their lives to planting seeds of peace throughout the world, rather than  
8 seeking to bring the flowers of their own lives to bloom; and

9         **WHEREAS**, the members of the SGI resolve to contribute to the  
10 prosperity of their respective societies and countries, while respecting  
11 individual cultures, customs and laws; and

12         **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have received  
13 worldwide recognition for fulfilling the dreams of Mr. Tsunesaburo  
14 Makiguchi and Mr. Josei Toda, with the establishment of the Soka Education  
15 system, which includes elementary to university-level institutions in Japan,  
16 and Soka University of America located in Aliso Viejo, California, the  
17 establishment of the Min-On Concert Association, and the creation of the  
18 Tokyo Fuji Art Museum; and

19         **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI-USA, Guam, have pursued activities to  
20 advance the cause of peace in dedication to the commitment by Dr. Ikeda; and

21         **WHEREAS**, on January 2000, SGI-USA, Guam, commemorated the 25<sup>th</sup>  
22 anniversary of the founding of SGI, by co-sponsoring with the University of

1 Guam, Soka University of America and SGI-USA, the first Pacific Islands New  
2 Millennium Peace Conference; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the conference brought together government leaders and  
4 high chiefs from many of the Pacific Islands to share their memories of the  
5 Pacific War and resolve to never again allow such violence; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on January 2005, SGI-USA, Guam, commemorated the 30<sup>th</sup>  
7 Anniversary of the founding of SGI, by hosting numerous commemorative  
8 events in the name of peace, including the opening of two (2) traveling  
9 exhibitions, "Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World" and  
10 Morehouse College's "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace";  
11 these traveling exhibits were displayed at the office of the Governor of Guam,  
12 the University of Guam and the Guam Community College; and

13 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam hosted the Second Pacific Islands New  
14 Millennium Peace Conference for educators focusing on "Humanistic  
15 Education: Fostering a Culture of Peace" and sponsored a cultural festival  
16 celebrating the diverse culture of mankind; and

17 **WHEREAS**, on January 2007, SGI-USA, on its 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the  
18 founding of SGI-USA, Guam, another milestone was realized with the grand  
19 opening of its new Activity Center, an occasion that members of SGI-USA,  
20 Guam, have been working hard for years in order to accommodate their  
21 members and Buddhist activities; and

1           **WHEREAS**, on January 26, 2009, SGI-USA, Guam, will commemorate  
2 its 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by advancing the initiative that it is possible to transform  
3 the culture of violence into a culture of a peace; and

4           **WHEREAS**, during its 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, SGI-USA, Guam. will be  
5 hosting various events throughout Guam, including an exhibit at the Agana  
6 Shopping Center offering a variety of speakers and performing artists  
7 promoting the theme “From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace:  
8 Transforming the Human Spirit”; and

9           **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, believes that the creation of lasting peace  
10 and the elimination of violence, rather than the promotion of high level social  
11 reform, ultimately lies upon the ability of each individual in earth to  
12 inherently embrace the spirit of peace in their hearts; and

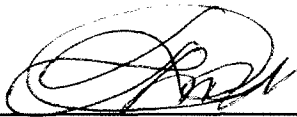
13           **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have dedicated  
14 more than sixty (60) years of their lives to the promotion of peace, culture, and  
15 education through their committed efforts as leaders of SGI and continues to  
16 serve as inspiring examples of how one person’s committed efforts can  
17 transform the lives of millions of people around the world including those of  
18 us here on Guam; now, therefore, be it

19           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
20 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the world-wide  
21 members of SGI on it’s tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world  
22 peace, which is ever more relevant in the age of terror and war, and

1 congratulates SGI-USA, Guam, on the 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of  
2 SGI; and be it further

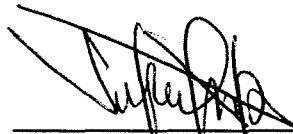
3       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the  
4 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be  
5 thereafter transmitted to President Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda of  
6 Soka Gakkai International (SGI); to SGI-USA, Los Angeles, California; to SGI-  
7 USA, Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2009.**



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**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D.**  
Speaker



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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Senator and  
Secretary of the Legislature