

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

**Resolution No. 51 (LS)**

As amended.

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**Relative to recognizing the Month of March 2009 as “*Mes Chamorro (Chamorro Month)*”, and to recognizing the *Chamorro Studies Program of the Guam Public School System and the Steering Committee’s collaborative efforts for their contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of the Chamorro Culture.***

1           **BE IT RESOLVED BY OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**

2 **GUÅHAN:**

3           **WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "*I Hinanao-ta*, Our Journey, Past, Present  
4 and Future", compels all who call Guam home to learn about its leaders of the  
5 past and present, and exalt them for their strength and wisdom in recognizing  
6 the importance of revitalizing the *Chamorro* heritage; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Guam's preservation and revitalization leaders are  
8 recognized for their individual and collective efforts to sustain our ancestral  
9 heritage from one generation to the next; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the *Chamorro* culture continues to exist through its chants,  
11 cuisine, music, dance, storytelling and traditional crafts, and the *Chamorro*  
12 people, although rich in the arts, crafts and social skills, face losing their  
13 language and cultural lifestyle through European and American influences;  
14 and

15          **WHEREAS**, it becomes the responsibility of today's leaders to  
16 encourage and educate our children about our heritage and by doing so make  
17 them the leaders of the future; and

18          **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the continued efforts of the *Chamorro*  
19 Studies Teachers and the *Chamorro* Studies Division of the Guam Public  
20 School System be acknowledged as the vanguards who have dedicated their  
21 efforts to emphasizing the significance of perpetuating the *Chamorro*

1 language, and to extending the use of language and culture within the  
2 Guam's Public Schools and within the community; and

3       **WHEREAS**, it is also worthy to acknowledge the strong partnerships  
4 created by the Department of *Chamorro* Affairs, the Guam Council on the Arts  
5 and Humanities Agency with its Steering Committee collaborators, and all of  
6 Guam's community organizations that continue to carry out the mission to  
7 protect, preserve, perpetuate and promote the *Chamorro* language and culture,  
8 *not only* during *Chamorro* Month, but every day; and

9       **WHEREAS**, all the people of Guam are encouraged to attend as many of  
10 the planned activities as possible so that they can be more knowledgeable of  
11 the *Chamorro* heritage, its roots and evolution; now, therefore, be it

12       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
13 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the month of March 2009 as "*Mes*  
14 *Chamorro (Chamorro Month)*"; and be it further

15       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the  
16 people of Guam, does acknowledge the *Chamorro* language and Culture  
17 Teachers and the *Chamorro* Studies and Special Projects Division staff of the  
18 Guam Public School System for their unwavering devotion to the  
19 perpetuation of the *Chamorro* language and culture; and be it further

20       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the  
21 people of Guam, does hereby salute all of the many collaborators who have

1 assisted in the development of activities and events to promote “*Mes Chamorro*  
2 (*Chamorro Month*)”; and be it further

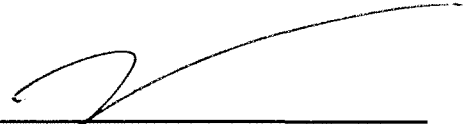
3       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary  
4 attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to the  
5 to Ms. Sylvia Flores, President, 2009 Steering Committee, Department of  
6 *Chamorro Affairs*; to Mr. Patrick Bamba, Director, Guam Council on the Arts &  
7 Humanities Agency; to Dr. Marilyn Salas, Director, *Chamorro Center of*  
8 *Excellence*, University of Guam; to Mr. Anthony Ramirez, Museum Curator,  
9 Guam Museum; to Mr. Mike Cura, General Manager, *Chamorro Village*; to Ms.  
10 Leona Young, Administrator, Guam Museum Foundation; to Mr. Frank  
11 Toves, *Hagåtña* Restoration & Redevelopment Authority; to Mr. Anthony  
12 Ramirez, Guam Historic Resources Division, Department of Parks &  
13 Recreation; to Mr. Jesse Bamba, Cooperative Extension Service, College of  
14 Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Guam; to Mr. Joseph Torres,  
15 Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture; to Mr. John C. Borja, Division  
16 Chief, Agriculture Development Services, Department of Agriculture; to Mr.  
17 Joe Quinata, Chief Program Officer, Guam Preservation Trust; to Mr. Benjie  
18 Santiago, Natibu Cultural Dance Group; to *Siñot* Vince Reyes, *Inetnon Gef*  
19 *På’go* Cultural Dance Group, and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*  
20 *Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINATRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2009.



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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker



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