

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 52 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing the extraordinary support and generosity the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ) has provided the local community for over forty (40) years, and to extending *Un Dångkulo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* and *Maraming Salamat Po'* for its wonderful contributions to the people of Guam; and to further extending a special commendation and congratulations to the entire *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, both on Guam and internationally, for the tremendous love and commitment it has provided its family members and the people of Guam; and to extending Guam's best wishes for many more successful years of strengthening families and

bringing individuals and members closer to Christ and the
Iglesia Ni Cristo Church.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1960, seven (7) contract workers of US Naval Installation
4 Facilities were the founding group members of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of
5 Christ) while they congregated at their barracks in Camp Roxas, Agat, for
6 regular prayer and social gatherings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ) congregation was
8 officially registered on Guam as a religious church organization with the
9 government of Guam on March 18, 1969, and has henceforth celebrated its
10 anniversary on this date in recognition of its years of service to the people of
11 Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the first large prayer service was held in 1963, with more
13 than fifty (50) members who met in a rented Quonset hut located along
14 Marine Corps Drive in Tamuning; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1965, due to the increased interest in Guamanians joining
16 the church and the need to identify a more formal church facility, the place of
17 worship was relocated to the residence of Brother Luciano Hipolito, who
18 additionally served as the first deacon of the local church congregation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Guam's first residential minister, the late Brother Liberato
20 Panares, arrived from the Philippines on November 29, 1969, and shortly

1 thereafter, the late Brother Aniceto S. Bunag presided over the construction of
2 a semi-concrete church on Route 16 (Army Drive) in Harmon; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1973, with a growing church congregation which now
4 encompassed more than one hundred fifty (150) religious members, the late
5 Brother Cipriano P. Sandoval, General Secretary of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, came
6 from the central office of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ) in New Era,
7 Quezon City, Philippines, to visit Guam and to officiate at a special worship
8 service dedicating the official church building and the adjacent properties,
9 which were acquired by the local church members through their hard work
10 and financial commitment; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the increasing number of church members led to the
12 formation of a separate church gathering and building, located in Apra
13 Heights, Santa Rita in 1984; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the continuing growth in the number of
15 church members, it was the wish and desire of the local congregation to
16 provide a much larger and better accommodating house of worship facility
17 that would enable church members to more comfortably worship and share
18 time with fellow church members; this strong desire for a larger facility
19 resulted in the eventual approval for the construction of a new house of
20 worship with the generous support of the administration of the *Iglesia Ni*
21 *Cristo*; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the construction of the present House of Worship in
2 Harmon commenced on February 22, 1993, with a generous investment of
3 approximately \$2.1 Million Dollars by the local community of believers; the
4 elegant and stylish edifice which provides for a seating capacity of at least six
5 hundred (600), along with adjacent meeting rooms, was officially opened and
6 dedicated to God and church members on March 19, 1994, and today serves
7 as the spiritual sanctuary for more than one thousand (1,000) worshipers on
8 Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the magnificent church structure reflects the holiness and
10 sanctity of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ) and the sacredness of its
11 mission; and furthermore, represents one of the most conspicuous and
12 remarkable landmarks in Guam; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ), in its more than
14 forty (40) years of existence in Guam, has brought spiritual development and
15 maturity to the entire island community, to include predominantly Filipinos
16 and other ethnic cultures, and has also shared in the burden of addressing the
17 island's social and economic concerns; and

18 **WHEREAS**, as a religious institution, *Iglesia Ni Cristo's* role in society
19 serves as a pillar that inculcates brotherly and sisterly love among its church
20 members and all people; and

21 **WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2009, the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ),
22 Guam, will be commemorating and celebrating its 40th anniversary of serving

1 and supporting the people of Guam through its numerous prayer services
2 and community activities; now, therefore, be it

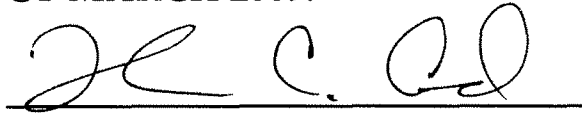
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, recognize the extraordinary support and contribution that
6 the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ) has provided the community of Guam
7 for over forty (40) years, and does extend a warmhearted *Un Dångkulo' Na Si*
8 *Yu'os Ma'ase'* and *Maraming Salamat Po'* to its church ministers, leaders and
9 the entire congregation; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does further extend, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*
12 and the people of Guam, its commendations and congratulations to the *Iglesia*
13 *Ni Cristo* (Church of Christ) on Guam, and internationally, for the tremendous
14 love and commitment it has provided its family members and the people of
15 Guam for the past forty (40) years; and additionally extends Guam's best
16 wishes for many more successful years of strengthening families and bringing
17 individuals and members closer to Christ and the *Iglesia Ni Cristo* Church; and
18 be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
20 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attests to, the adoption hereof, and
21 that copies of the same be transmitted to *Iglesia Ni Cristo* Executive Minister
22 Erano G. Manalo, Philippines; to Brother Jose J. Ventilacion, Resident Minister

1 of *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, Guam; to the Honorable Olivia Palala, Consul General of
2 the Philippines, Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'laha*
3 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 16TH DAY
OF MARCH 2009.**



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Acting Speaker



JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ, DPA
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules



ADOLPHO B. PALACIOS, SR.
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