

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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As amended.

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Yapese Community of Guam for its hard work in preparing for the annual celebration of "Yap Day", and to energizing all citizens of Yap residing on Guam and all the people of Guam to join in the celebration and support the activities being showcased by the Yapese Community.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the State of Yap within the Federated States of Micronesia is
4 an intriguing island, its land steeped in ancient traditions and fascinating
5 legends, and peopled by one of the most distinctive cultures in the Pacific.
6 Attractions like a handmade seaside men's house, cultural village tours, huge
7 ancient stone money discs and stone money banks, dancing, handicraft
8 making, marine life and mangrove forests highlight a visit to this unique
9 outpost; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Yap Day, which occurs during the first week of March on
11 the State of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia, is a celebration of dance
12 and competition. Performers practice all year long for the dances which tell
13 the stories of the history of Yap and its legends. Competitions in various
14 common Yapese practices, such as spear throwing and basket weaving, are
15 also common. This celebration symbolizes the most important elements of the
16 Yapese culture: dance, history, competition, and togetherness; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in Yap, dance is an art form. Through dance, legends are
18 passed down, history is recorded, and entertainment is created. The dances of
19 Yap are raucous, colorful, and well-orchestrated. Men and women both start
20 at an early age to learn this special Yap tradition; and

21 **WHEREAS**, for the past forty-one (41) years, Yap State of the Federated
22 States of Micronesia has celebrated March 1st as "Yap Day", and has
23 proclaimed to the nations of the world that Yap State and its people *shall* be a

1 friend and *shall* abide by the rules of international law as good citizens of the
2 international community of nations; now, therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
4 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions and
5 services of the Yapese Community and does extend its support to the
6 members of the Yapese Community during the annual "Yap Day" festivities
7 scheduled for April 4 and April 5, 2009, at the Mangilao Eagle's Field; and be
8 it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby on
10 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and
11 congratulate the Yapese Community of Guam for its hard work in the
12 preparation of the annual celebration of "Yap Day", and does encourage all
13 citizens of Yap residing on Guam and all the people of Guam to join in the
14 celebration and to support the activities being showcased by the Yapese
15 Community; and be it further

16 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
17 attests to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
18 transmitted to John Sigrah and members of the "Yap Day" Committee; to the
19 Honorable Sebastian L. Anefal, Governor of the State of Yap; to the Honorable
20 Charles Chieng, Speaker of the Yap State Legislature; to the Honorable Bruno
21 Tharngan, Chairman, Council of Pilung; to the Honorable Ignathio Hapthey,
22 Chairman, Council of Tamol; to the Honorable Emmanuel Mori, President of
23 the Federated States of Micronesia; to the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Sablan,

- 1 the CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress; to the Honorable
- 2 Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and to
- 3 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary