

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 78 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing Guam's celebration of "Law Week" during the week of April 25 to May 2, 2009, and commemorating the Fifty-first (51st) Anniversary celebration of "Law Day," and to further acknowledging the Guam Judiciary and the law practitioners community for their outstanding dedication and commitment to promoting justice and equality in accordance with the law.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States of America was founded on the principle
4 that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the
5 opportunities for freedom; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature
7 and basis of our freedoms, and recognition of the individual responsibilities
8 that these freedoms represent; and

9 **WHEREAS**, “Law Day” is an opportunity to celebrate the Constitution
10 and the laws that protect our rights and liberties, and to recognize our
11 responsibility as citizens to uphold the values of a free and just society; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in 1958, “Law Day” was proclaimed by President Dwight
13 D. Eisenhower, and was reaffirmed through a joint resolution of Congress in
14 1961; and

15 **WHEREAS**, “Law Day” is celebrated annually on May 1 as a “special
16 day of celebration by the American people in appreciation of their liberties
17 and to provide an occasion for rededication of the ideals of equity and justice
18 under the laws”; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the “Law Week 2009” theme, *A Legacy of Liberty -*
20 *Celebrating Lincoln’s Bicentennial*, encourages all Americans to explore the
21 legacy of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as one of our nation’s greatest
22 and most eloquent presidents; and

1 **WHEREAS**, President Lincoln, who devoted much of his adult life to
2 the practice of law, was the quintessential American lawyer-president. His
3 extensive experience in the law was represented through both his actions and
4 his oratory; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Guam Bar Association, in coordination with the
6 Judiciary of Guam and the District Court of Guam, has scheduled numerous
7 events that will take place during the course of the week, to include: the State
8 of the Judiciary Address, local and federal courthouse tours, elementary and
9 middle school mock trial plays, an art contest involving elementary students,
10 middle and high school essay contests; short seminars on a variety of topics,
11 from domestic to criminal law; a Naturalization Ceremony and Citizenship
12 Outreach Program; a Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall; Guam Bar Association’s
13 Charity Golf Tournament, with proceeds to benefit indigent clients; the
14 Supreme Court Appellate Oral Argument Outreach at Guam Community
15 College; a swearing-in ceremony for those individuals recently admitted to
16 the Guam Bar; and a 5K Run/Walk entitled “Race Judicata”; now, therefore, be
17 it

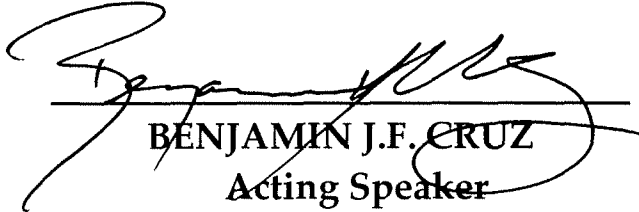
18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina’Trenta Na*
19 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the
20 people of Guam, join the nation and our local community in recognizing and
21 celebrating the Fifty-first (51st) Anniversary of “Law Day” on May 1, 2009; as

1 well as commemorating the week of April 25 to May 2, 2009, as "Law Week" -
2 *A Legacy of Liberty - Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial*; and be it further

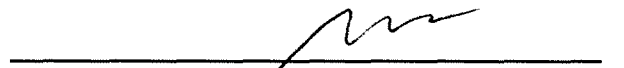
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the
5 people of Guam, further extend *Un Dångkulo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* as a reflection
6 of our gratitude and appreciation to all law practitioners, judges, and support
7 personnel, all of whom promote the proper enforcement and interpretation of
8 law; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
10 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
11 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Robert J.
12 Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Frances
13 Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge, District Court of Guam; to Attorney
14 Cynthia V. Ecube, President, Guam Bar Association; to Attorney Rodney J.
15 Jacob, Co-Chairman, Law Week Planning Committee; and to the Honorable
16 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 15TH DAY
OF APRIL, 2009.



BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
Acting Speaker



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary