

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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**Relative to commending and congratulating the
Judiciary of Guam on the successful completion of
the Northern Court Satellite.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam took the initiative to evaluate its
4 caseload and its processes by commissioning an independent, professional

1 entity, namely the National Center of State Courts, to analyze and scrutinize
2 its operations in 2004; and

3 **WHEREAS**, acting upon the recommendations of the National Center
4 for State Courts, the Judiciary of Guam saw the need to expand its capabilities
5 to meet the growing needs of our island community and prepare for future
6 demands that will be placed on our overtaxed justice system; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Judiciary, with the support of the Legislative and the
8 Executive Branches, received authorization to establish the Northern Court
9 Satellite through Public Law 29-109 in August 2008; and

10 **WHEREAS**, despite the budgetary constraints placed on the Courts, the
11 Judiciary of Guam, along with the Legislative and Executive Branches,
12 strongly believed in giving the community greater access to justice and
13 exercised financial prudence in order to make the Northern Court Satellite a
14 reality by working deliberately and diligently with the resources allocated.
15 The Northern Court Satellite opened within a year of being granted the
16 authorization; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Court Satellite, located in the heart of *Dededo*
18 village, totals seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet and consists of
19 a Multipurpose Court Room, which can be utilized for Small Claims, Traffic,
20 Civil Trials, Magistrates, Criminal Trials and Occasional Appellant Hearings;
21 one (1) judge's chamber with staff offices; a Jury Unit and Jury Deliberation

1 Room; two (2) Holding Cages and a Marshal Unit Office; a Clerks and
2 Ministerial Unit, and several service counters; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Court Satellite will provide a convenient
4 location for residents of the northern villages of *Dededo, Yigo, Tamuning* and
5 *Mangilao* to seek court services and obtain greater access to justice; and

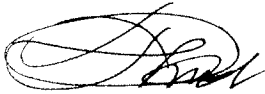
6 **WHEREAS**, with the new Northern Court Satellite firmly established,
7 the Judiciary of Guam will be able to efficiently service Guam's growing
8 population and justify the need to fund a new court building in northern
9 Guam, especially in light of the military expansion and the anticipated
10 population explosion that will occur in the coming years; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
12 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Judiciary of
13 Guam, on the successful opening of the Northern Court Satellite; and, be it
14 further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
16 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
17 transmitted to the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of
18 Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena, III, Presiding Judge, Superior
19 Court of Guam; to Perry Taitano, Administrator, Unified Courts of Guam; and
20 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

- 1 Court of Guam; to Perry Taitano, Administrator, Unified Courts of Guam; and
- 2 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'láhen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary