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**Relative to commending and congratulating the
"Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc." for coordinating and
hosting the First Regional Forensic Science Symposium.**

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

2 **GUÁHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, throughout the 1970s, the Department of Public Safety,
4 under the leadership of Director Jose Quintanilla, worked in the establishment
5 of a Crime Laboratory Section; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Crime Lab Section of the
2 Department of Public Safety, later changed to the Guam Police Department,
3 was not a simple task, as it required time to educate our local law enforcement
4 officers, the recruitment of experts in the field, and a strong leadership that
5 would allow the Crime Lab Section to grow to fruition and reach its full
6 potential; and

7 **WHEREAS**, today, the Crime Lab Section of the Guam Police
8 Department, coming a long way from its humble beginnings, has served our
9 community, as well as our Micronesia neighbors, providing services, such as a
10 strong crime scene investigation, fingerprint identification, drug
11 identification, and firearms identification, that ensure the safety of our island
12 and regional community; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in early 2009, a new building was dedicated for the
14 enhancement of the Crime Lab's ability to prosecute and investigate crimes in
15 order to guarantee the resolution of crimes; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the realization that more improvements can be made to the
17 Crime Lab and the services that it provides, the establishment of a non-profit
18 organization was envisioned and the "Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc." was
19 founded to assist and enhance the delivery of quality forensic science services;
20 to provide supportive services, program services, equipment, training and
21 activities to meet the needs of the Crime Lab; to facilitate and strengthen
22 collaboration and partnership efforts with both public and private sectors; to

1 increase the availability of forensic science services; and to seek, pursue and
2 solicit other funding sources through grants, corporate sponsorships,
3 donations, fundraisers and other resources for "FRIENDS", in furtherance of
4 the organization's purpose to provide resources for the Guam Crime Lab; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the "Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc." estimates that an
6 additional Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is needed to fully bring the
7 Crime Lab to its standard of expectation and to allow for further services such
8 as DNA and toxicology; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the "Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc.'s" mission is to also
10 provide educational opportunities to enhance the knowledge base of our local
11 law enforcement officials, and thus coordinated the First Regional Forensic
12 Science Symposium, held on November 4 to 6, 2009, at the Harvest Christian
13 Academy Family Life Center; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the "Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc.", along with its
15 sponsors – the Guam Community College, Xerox, L3 Command & Control
16 Systems and Software, MCV, I.M. Systems Group Inc., Armed Forces
17 Communication Education Association Marianas Chapter, Bank of Guam,
18 AFP, No Ka Oi, Government of Guam Employees Federal Credit Union, Bank
19 Pacific, the Pacific Daily News, Office of the Attorney General of Guam,
20 Federal Bureau of Investigations, Marianas Variety, G4S, Lujan Towing &
21 Auto Parts, and Nissan – have put together a Symposium, bringing in
22 recognized experts in the field of forensic science, such as serology,

1 criminalistics, firearms, DNA, crime scene photography, entomology, and
2 explosives; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Regional Forensic Science Symposium intends to bring
4 more awareness of the science to our local community, and within the region,
5 and provide training to our law enforcement officials who are involved with
6 the investigation of crimes; now, therefore, be it

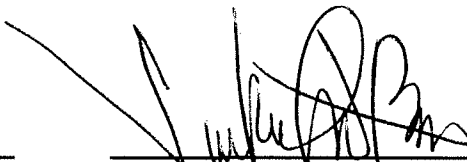
7 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
8 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend the "Friends of the
9 Crime Lab, Inc." Board of Directors, its Honorary Board of Advisors, and the
10 1st Regional Forensic Science Symposium sponsors for their efforts and
11 dedication in promoting the importance and knowledge of forensic science on
12 Guam and within the region; and be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
14 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
15 transmitted to Mr. Joey Lopez, "Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc." Board of
16 Directors Chairman; to members of the Board of Directors: former Governor
17 Joseph Ada, Mr. Bob Salas, Mr. Gerry Perez, Ms. Maureen Maratita, Mr. Lee
18 Webber, and Ms. Sharon Ishizaki; to the Honorary members of the Board:
19 Justice Philip Carbullido, Chief Paul Suba of the Guam Police Department;
20 President Mary Okada of the Guam Community College, and Frank Ishizaki;
21 to the Guam Police Department Crime Lab Division; and to the Honorable
22 Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary