

I MINA' TRENTA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to commending and congratulating the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation for its their efforts in reviving the "Coconut Festival" to coincide with the village fiesta of *Inalahan*.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN:

1 **WHEREAS**, the “Coconut Festival” began in 1948, through the efforts of
2 the late Monsignor Oscar Calvo, when he served as the San Jose Parish priest
3 after World War II; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the first “Coconut Festival” of *Inalahan* was based on
5 Monsignor Calvo’s desire to draw attention to the once dominant coconut
6 crop that suffered major damage during the island’s liberation in 1944; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the coconut trees have always been important to the people
8 of Guam as they are an excellent resource used for many purposes, such as for
9 food, drink, medicine, fuel and light, and shelter; and

10 **WHEREAS**, long before World War II, our island’s economy consisted
11 of farming, fishing, and copra making, with copra being the major cash crop
12 and principal export of Guam, before being destroyed during the retaking of
13 the island; and

14 **WHEREAS**, consistent with the coconut theme of the festival, the
15 Coconut Festival Queen competitions were a way to provide an exciting focal
16 point of the activities to the event, by the sale of raffle tickets to family and
17 friends island wide; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the coronation celebration in this year’s “Coconut Festival”
19 will be augmented with a “feria”, similar to county fairs, and include

20 agricultural produce, livestock, and arts and crafts exhibits, which the people
21 of *Inalahan* produced or made themselves, as part of the three (3) day
22 festivities; and

23 **WHEREAS**, despite the efforts of Monsignor Calvo, the Coconut
24 Festival lasted only six (6) years, with a brief revitalization in 1973; and

25 **WHEREAS**, this year, the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation has revived the
26 “Coconut Festival”, which will run from April 30 to May 2, 2010; now,
27 therefore, be it

28 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
29 behalf of the people of Guam, commend and congratulate the Historic
30 *Inalahan* Foundation for reviving the “Coconut Festival”, that has a rich
31 history with the people of *Inalahan*; and does extend its sincerest *Un Dångkulo*
32 *Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse* to the Foundation and Community of *Inarajan* for their
33 continual efforts in preserving the *Chamorro* culture and history; and be it
34 further

35 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
36 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
37 transmitted to the Historic *Inalahan* Foundation; to the Mayor of *Inarajan*,
38 Franklin Taitague; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*
39 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary