

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 382-30 (COR)

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**Relative to recognizing and congratulating the Filipino
Community of Guam on the observance of the One
Hundred Twelfth (112th) Anniversary of the
Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the
Philippines**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the
4 Philippines is observed every year on the twelfth (12th) of June; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines gained its independence
6 through the sacrifices of many Filipino heroes, such as: Dr. Jose Rizal, the
7 National Hero of the Philippines, who wrote "*Noli Me Tangere*" (The Lost
8 Eden), which popularized independence sentiment and whose execution by
9 the Spanish fostered public outrage and rebellion; Andres Bonifacio, who led
10 the Cry of *Balintawak*; General Emilio Aguinaldo, who commanded the Battle
11 of *Binakayan*; and Apolinario Mabini, known as the "*Sublime Paralytic*", who
12 was the Brain of the Revolution; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the fight for freedom was also supported by notable
14 Filipinas, such as: Melchora Aquino, known as "*Tandang Sora*", who was
15 exiled to the Marianas by the Spanish Government; Teresa Magbanua, a
16 twenty-eight (28) year old teacher, who was one of the first women to lead
17 men into battle; and other Filipina heroines from all walks of life who joined
18 the Revolutionary Forces; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the culmination of the struggle for independence came on
20 June 12, 1898, when General Emilio Aguinaldo declared the Philippines'
21 independence at his hometown of *Kawit, Cavite*, where thousands of people
22 from the provinces gathered to witness this historic event, including the

1 dramatic unfurling of the Philippine Flag while the Philippine National
2 Anthem was played in public for the first time, after which the “Act of the
3 Declaration of Independence” was solemnly read by its author, Ambrosio
4 Rianzares Bautista, who patterned it after the American Declaration of
5 Independence; and

6 **WHEREAS**, said Declaration was adopted by the Assembly of
7 Municipal Presidents, and was ratified by the Congress of the Republic of the
8 Philippines in *Malolos, Bulacan*, on September 1898, as an expression of the
9 sovereign will of the Filipino people; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam, celebrate the achievements of Filipinos
11 everywhere, especially our Filipino brothers and sisters who have made
12 Guam their home; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Independence speaks to the highest virtues
14 of the Filipino people: bravery; a commitment to freedom; and love for
15 democracy. These are the virtues our Filipino brothers and sisters in Guam
16 embody every day; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Filipinos have continued a proud tradition of progress
18 since Philippine Independence, facing adversity with resolve, setting higher
19 standards of freedom and civil rights for all nations, and endeavoring every
20 day to build a better future and a better world; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the

1 people of Guam, recognize and congratulate the Filipino Community of
2 Guam on the observance of the One Hundred Twelfth (112th) Anniversary of
3 the Proclamation of Independence of the Republic of the Philippines, and on
4 its festivities in observance thereof on June 11, 2010, at this year's Philippine
5 Independence Ball at the Sheraton Laguna Resort; and, be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on
7 Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and
8 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mr. Alejandro B. Gagaring,
9 President, Filipino Community of Guam; to the Honorable Bayani S. Mercado,
10 Consul General of the Philippines to Guam; and to the Honorable Felix P.
11 Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 10TH DAY
OF JUNE, 2010.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.

Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO

Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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