

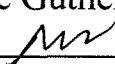



I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Relative to recognizing the *Rasan Acho' Latte Cultural Dancers*, formerly known as “Hui Ohana”, for their continued efforts in preserving our culture and sharing ten (10) years of promoting and perpetuating CHamoru culture with the people of Guam and the whole world.

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

3 **WHEREAS,** *Rasan Acho' Latte Cultural Dancers* originally began on
4 February 15, 1999 and on this day a proposal was approved by the former Mayor
5 of Yona, the Honorable Ben Bernardo, who assisted in opening up hula classes for
6 the youth of Yona, and the Yona community center opened its doors to anyone
7 wanting to learn Hawaiian Hula dances;

8 **WHERAS,** for the first four years, *Rasan Acho' Latte* then known as “Hui
9 Ohana” was under the umbrella of the Yona Women’s Association as a non-profit
10 organization and practiced in the Yona Community Center up until this present
11 day. In its first stages, *Rasan Acho' Latte* had ten (10) female dancers which grew
12 into more than one thousand (1000) dancers within the past ten years and today the
13 group consists of dancers within the ages from five (5) to forty-five (45) and;

1 **WHEREAS**, in 2004, *Rasan Acho' Latte* became a member of *På'å Taotao*
2 *Tåno'* and continues to receive assistance from that organization to this day. Also
3 in 2004, *Rasan Acho' Latte* welcomed a new set of dancers from Oceanview
4 Middle School in promoting, preserving and perpetuating Chamoru Culture
5 through song and dance;

6 **WHEREAS**, throughout its 10-year history, *Rasan Acho' Latte* has received
7 many awards and participated in many activities on island and abroad. Many of
8 these activities include the Saipan Flame Tree Festival, World Hula in Honolulu
9 Hawaii, Promotions in Tokyo Japan, and its most recent participation in the 10th
10 Annual Festival of Pacific Arts in American Samoa;

11 **WHEREAS**, *Rasan Acho' Latte* swept the 2008 *Dinaña' Minagof Chamoru*
12 Dance Competition as the Overall Champions as well garnering top awards in
13 Ancient, Spanish and Contemporary categories. Because of this honor, *Rasan*
14 *Acho' Latte* will be representing Guam in the upcoming Flame Tree Festival in
15 Garapan, Saipan; and now therefore be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
17 people of Guam, does hereby commend and congratulate the *Rasan Acho' Latte*
18 Cultural Dancers, formerly known as “Hui Ohana”, for their continued efforts in
19 preserving our culture and sharing ten (10) years of promoting and perpetuating
20 *Chamoru* culture with the people of Guam and the whole world; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to
22 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be transmitted to _____, on behalf
23 of *Rasan Acho' Latte* Cultural Dancers; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
24 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

25 **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA**
26 **LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THIS 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary