

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to commending and congratulating the Yapese Community of Guam for their hard work in preparing for the annual celebration of Yap Day and calling all citizens of Yap residing on Guam to join in the celebration and to encourage the people of Guam to support the activities being showcased by the Yapese Community.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, the State of Yap within the Federated States of Micronesia is the most intriguing island. It is a land steeped in ancient traditions, fascinating legends, and peopled by one of the most distinctive cultures in the Pacific. Attractions like a handmade seaside men's house, cultural village tours, huge ancient stone money discs and stone money banks, dancing, handicraft making, marine life and mangrove forests highlight a visit to this unique outpost; and

WHEREAS, Yap Day, which occurs during the first week of March on the State of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia, is a celebration of dance and competition. Performers practice all year long for the dances which tell the stories of the history of Yap and its legends. Competitions in various common Yapese practices, such as spear throwing and basket weaving, are also common. This celebration

1 symbolizes the most important elements of the Yapese culture: dance, history,
2 competition, and togetherness; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in Yap, dance is an art form. Through dance, legends are passed
4 down, history is recorded and entertainment is created. The dances of Yap are
5 raucous, colorful and well-orchestrated. Men and women both start at an early age to
6 learn this special Yap tradition; and

7 **WHEREAS**, for the past Forty one (41) years, Yap State of the Federated
8 States of Micronesia has celebrated March 1st as Yap Day and has proclaimed to the
9 nations of the world that Yap State and its people shall be a friend and shall abide by
10 the rules of international law as good citizens of the international community of
11 nations; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
13 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the outstanding contributions and services of
14 the Yapese Community and extends its support to the members of the Yapese
15 Community during their annual Yap Day festivities scheduled for April 4 and April 5,
16 2009 at the Mangilao Eagle's Field; and be it further

17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, does hereby on
18 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, commend and congratulate
19 the Yapese Community of Guam for their hard work in the preparation of the annual
20 celebration of Yap Day and calling all citizens of Yap residing on Guam to join in the
21 celebration and to encourage the people of Guam to support the activities being
22 showcased by the Yapese Community; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature
24 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
25 John Sigrah and members of the Yap Day Committee; to the Honorable Sebastian L.
26 Anefal, Governor of the State of Yap; to the Honorable Charles Chieng, Speaker of
27 the Yap State Legislature; to the Honorable Bruno Tharngan, Chairman, Council of

1 Pilung and to the Honorable Ignathio Hapthey, Chairman, Council of Tamol; to the
2 Honorable Emmanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; to the
3 Honorable Gregorio Kilili Sablan, the CNMI Delegate to the United States Congress;
4 to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
5 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, the
6 Governor of Guam.