

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Relative to recognizing and memorializing the accomplishments and dedication of the late Honorable Mayor Vicente "Ben" Salas San Nicolas, Retired Mayor of the municipality of Chalan Pago / Ordot; and to extending humble and sincere condolences to his family on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam

1 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vicente "Ben" Salas San Nicolas was
4 born on February 28, 1935 to Francisco Taijeron San Nicolas and Pilar Lujan
5 Salas and along with his siblings was initially raised in the capital city of
6 Hågatña; and

7 **WHEREAS**, post World War II, the San Nicolas family relocated to their
8 paternal roots of Chalan Pago, the young Vicente graduated with the George
9 Washington Junior / Senior High School Class of 1956; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the spring of 1957, Vicente, who had just turned twenty-
11 two (22), met the love of his life, the former Teresita "Terry" Divera Ignacio
12 (Corpuz) and on November 22, 1958, Ben and Terry were joined in Holy

1 matrimony and together, they were blessed with a total of eleven (11) children
2 – seven (7) girls and four (4) boys - Philomena Theresa, Germaine Marie,
3 Vincent Francis, Stephanie Christine, Peregrine Blaise, Ursulyn Angela,
4 Dymphnia Pauly, Sophia Yolaine, Wilbert Joseph, Apolline Justine and their
5 youngest, Ledwynn Elphide; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Vicente San Nicolas spent nineteen (19) years providing for
7 his burgeoning family as a civil service employee of the former Ship Repair
8 Facility (SRF), where he began in 1958 as a Clerk I, Ben worked his way
9 through the ranks of Clerks I, II and III, at SRF, the Navy Supply Depot, and
10 the U.S. Naval Communications, eventually becoming the Plant Property
11 Clerk, and as he climbed the civil service ladder he earned the Superior
12 Achievement Award, the Outstanding Performance Award, and the Superior
13 Performance in Recognition of Contribution Award; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in January 1975, at the insistence of prominent Chalan Pago
15 / Ordot villagers, including then-Judges Francisco Lujan, Joaquin Manibusan,
16 Sr., and Joaquin Perez, the San Nicolas home became a house of public service
17 with the nomination of Vicente Salas San Nicolas to the post of Commissioner,
18 currently titled as Mayor, of the Municipality of Chalan Pago / Ordot by then
19 Commissioner Francisco C. Carbullido; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mayor Vicente “Ben” Salas San Nicolas,
21 with the support of his wife Teresita and their children and families, served
22 the municipality of Chalan Pago / Ordot with distinction over the course of
23 twenty-two (22) years, handily besting, by significant margins, all candidates

1 in each subsequent Mayoral Election, including, the Elections of 1976, 1980,
2 1984, 1988, and 1992. Mayor San Nicolas ably retired in 1997; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Mayor San Nicolas served the island with sincerity as a
4 man committed to home, community and faith, a dutiful husband, doting
5 father and diligent public servant and faithful parishioner; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Mayor San Nicolas was active in many professional and
7 volunteer organizations, including: 1960 – 1980, the Holy Name Society, with
8 stints as President, and was the recipient of Outstanding Performance Award;
9 1965-Present, Knights of Columbus; 1965 – 1990, Catholic Charities Appeal,
10 with stints as President, and earned the Recipient of Certificate of Meritorious
11 Service; 1985, Workers Compensation College – Trainee; 1987, Babe Ruth Prep
12 League, Treasurer; 1990 – 1991, Babe Ruth League, Inc., Umpire Consultant;
13 2001, Amateur Softball Association Umpire; 2001-2008, Guam Sports Official
14 Association, Treasurer; as well as, volunteered through the years with the
15 Jerry Lewis Telethon and Muscular Dystrophy Association, military
16 commands, Legislative committee on federal, foreign & legal affairs, the
17 American Cancer Society, the George Washington High School, American Red
18 Cross, Micronesia Games Volunteer, Little League Baseball Umpire; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Mayor San Nicolas leaves behind a proud San Nicolas clan,
20 which spans three (3) generations, including, his eleven (11) children, their
21 spouses; twenty-nine (29) grandchildren and counting, and eleven (11) great-
22 grandchildren - with more expected in the coming years, the families include:
23 **Philomena and Frank Bamba**: Richard and Cheryl – Christian, Rico, Camille,

1 Ryelee; Jason, and Kevin; **Germaine and John Ash:** Brandon and Leslie –
2 Aiden; Ryan and Kacy – Cameron, Trinity Sanford, and Christopher; **Vincent**
3 **and Carmelleta:** Jon Derek and Catherine – Isaiah, Caitlyn, Josaiah; Brandon,
4 Dionne and Alejandro – Amarea, Layla, Ashley Renee, and Vincent Scott;
5 **Stephanie and Peter Finona:** Steven, Renee; **Peregrine and Josephina:** Blaize;
6 **Ursulyn and Andry Harrigan:** A’shon, Aaron, and Aidan; **Dymphnia and**
7 **Alvin San Nicolas:** Leah Miche’, Alijah, + Azriel Therese, Ariana, Calvin,
8 Aubrienne, and Amanda; **Sophia:** Erin, Sia, and Samyra; **Wilbert, Apolline,**
9 **and Ledwynn and Petunia:** Leandra Marie; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
11 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and memorialize the outstanding
12 contributions, legacy and services of the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” S. San
13 Nicolas, retired Mayor of the municipality of Chalan Pago / Ordot, and extend
14 sincere condolences to the San Nicolas family; and be it further

15 **RESOLVED,** that pursuant to the provisions contained in §419 of Title 1
16 of the Guam Code Annotated, *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* will
17 convene in a State Memorial Service on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, to honor the
18 accomplishments of the late Honorable Vicente “Ben” S. San Nicolas, retired
19 Mayor of the municipality of Chalan Pago / Ordot; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
21 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
22 thereafter transmitted to his wife Teresita Divera Ignacio (Corpuz) San
23 Nicolas; to each of their eleven (11) children; to Ms Carol Tayama, President of

1 the Mayors' Council of Guam, to the Robert F. Taitano Micronesian Area
2 Research Center, University of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.
3 Bordallo, Member of the United States Congress, (D-Guam); and to the
4 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS ____ DAY OF JULY, 2009.**

Benjamin J. F. Cruz
Acting Speaker

Tina Rose Muna-Barnes
Legislative Secretary