

**I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Introduced by:

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Relative to recognizing and congratulating the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program on the occasion of the organization's 10th Anniversary celebration for its valuable contributions in instilling cultural pride and identity in our island's youth and families.

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

WHEREAS, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program, was organized in 2000 and started as a novel idea to provide a practical approach to learning Chamorro culture through performance arts and quickly became the performing sensation of Inarajan Middle School. The program began with middle school students who learned traditional Chamorro and Spanish dance and participated in a variety of dance competitions. In 2005, the group expanded beyond the walls of the middle school and established a community-based afterschool program providing service for those graduating from the middle interested in learning more about their heritage ; and

WHEREAS, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* mission of promoting awareness and pride in Chamorro heritage through the performing arts was accomplished through successful youth interaction with traditional Chamorro Master Artists, community presentations and cultural exchange. In collaboration with Historic *Inalahan* Foundation and the Guam Visitors Bureau a curriculum was established where students participate regularly in intergenerational cultural workshops between the masters craftsman based at *Gef Pa'go* and the students of Inarajan Middle School; and

WHEREAS, members of *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* have exhibited great passion as performing artists and have won numerous awards during the groups ten-year history. Among the many prestigious awards and recognitions that the group has received includes: *Dinana Minagof* Culultural Dance overall winners (2002, 2004, 2009), Guam Visitors Bureau Excellence in Tourism *Hafa Adai* Spirit Award (2006, 2009), University of Guam Chamorro Language Competition Best Chant (2009), the Korea World Trade Fair Best Folklore Performance (2007, 2009); and Philippine World

Travel Expo Most Popular Performance (2010). In 2004 Vince Reyes, program director for *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* was named the Traditional Teacher of the Year by the Guam Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* today boast a full community membership of middle school students, after school high school students, adult professional dancers, and community members. The group has showcased their cultural learning throughout the island and has shared our Chamorro Heritage with the world through tourism promotions and festivals. In 2008, in partnership with the Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort and PHR Ken Corporation, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* became the first full Chamorro dinner show on Guam performing 5 nights awake at the Bayside BBQ; and

WHEREAS, as cultural ambassadors for our island, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* has traveled to Japan, Korea, France, Netherlands, American Samoa, Hong Kong, Australia, Washington D.C., Hawaii, Philippines, Taiwan, New Zealand, Macau, CNMI, fostering friendships and educating the international community about the uniqueness of the Chamorro culture and heritage. They have performed at various Festivals throughout Europe and the Pacific including, the Festival of the Pacific Arts (FestPac), numerous International Folklore Festivals throughout Europe and New Zealand, and several other international forums on cultural arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program for its outstanding contributions to the preservation and perpetuation of the Chamorro culture and heritage and for its efforts to share our community's cultural uniqueness to the world; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam; congratulates the *Inetnon Gef Pa'go* Cultural Arts Program on the occasion of the organizations 10th Anniversary of establishment and conveys its best wishes for many more years of success ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Vince Reyes, Program Director, *Inetnon Gef Pa'go*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE __TH DAY OF MAY 2010.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature