

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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Resolution No. 463-30(COR)

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Relative to commending and recognizing the efforts of altruistic volunteers throughout the Marianas Islands who work tirelessly to teach and perpetuate the Chamorro language and culture, who work to address current and future challenges as a community and chart our course as a people, and who come together to celebrate our collective progress and find common ground.

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

1           **WHEREAS**, the people of Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota share a  
2 history, language and culture spanning more than four millenia; and

3           **WHEREAS**, *I Fine'ne'na Na Konferensia*, held in Guam in 2006, was  
4 the first gathering of Chamorros of the Marianas Islands in over 60 years; and

5           **WHEREAS**, *I Fine'ne'na Na Konferensia*, has evolved every year  
6 thereafter, resulting in the advancements of traditional medicine, language,  
7 culture, and the environment, and is now moving into the fourth Konferensia, *I*  
8 *Mina'Kuattro na Konferensia Chamorro*; and

9           **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the planning committees of *I*  
10 *Mina'Kuattro na Konferensia* to establish a Council for the advancement of  
11 Chamorros; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the mission of this Council is “to establish and promote  
13 the sustainable cultural, economic and community development of Chamorros  
14 based in our indigenous cultural values; to educate our people, and to promote  
15 research and capacity building of community-based organizations that will  
16 contribute to the well-being of the Marianas Islands and its people; and

17           **WHEREAS**, the vision of this council is to “engage and sustain a self-  
18 determined Chamorro community that is grounded in cultural knowledge and  
19 values and is directed towards the advancement and well-being of our people  
20 and the future of the Marianas Islands”; and

21           **WHEREAS**, the working philosophy of this Council is “that we come  
22 together to share and unite our people and lands as one entity while respecting  
23 our differences; that we find ways to resolve conflicts; heal our Minds, Bodies,  
24 and Spirits in order to preserve, protect and promote the people of the  
25 Marianas, the Chamorros”; now, therefore, be it

26           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trenta Na*  
27 *Liheslatuan Guâhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, highly

28 commend and thank you for your efforts to preserve, protect, and perpetuate  
29 the Chamorro language and culture; and be it further

30 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee  
31 of Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and  
32 that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the *I Konferensia Chamorro*  
33 Planning Committee and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen*  
34 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2010.**

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JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

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TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary