





I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
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RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MR. TOMAS "TOM" FERNANDEZ TORRES FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING AND PERPETUATING OUR CHAMORRO CULTURE, VALUES, AND TRADITIONS THROUGH HIS WORK; AND TO EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE TORRES FAMILY ON THEIR LOSS.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I  
2 MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, Tomas "Tom" Fernandez Torres was born in Guam on  
4 October 23, 1957. He is the son of Master Weaver Tan Lucia Torres who  
5 throughout her lifetime committed herself to teaching Tom the traditions and  
6 ways of the Chamorro culture through the weaving of coconut leaves; and

7 WHEREAS, under his mother's tutelage, Tom also became a Master  
8 Weaver creating many cultural crafts depicting the rich history of our island  
9 people. In his lifetime, he continued to pass down his skills and knowledge of

1 weaving, making it a family affair, to his wife, Florence Torres and their  
2 children; and

3         **WHEREAS**, the Torres family has participated in numerous cultural  
4 events such as the *Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan Chamoru* (Chamorro Lunar  
5 Festivities), *Gupot I Peskadot*, Earth Day, and the Micronesian Island Fair.  
6 During the 1st and 2nd Annual *Gupot Fanha'aniyan Pulan Chamoru*, Tom and  
7 his family participated in the “Katupat Weaving Party” weaving hundreds of  
8 Katupats for the feast. In this event, each family member demonstrates and  
9 teaches participants how to weave the Katupat and explains its cultural  
10 significance; and

11         **WHEREAS**, in addition to being a Master Weaver, Tom was also a  
12 cultural subsistence fisherman and has always ensured that his family  
13 participated in every *Gupot I Peskadot* which is sponsored by the Guam  
14 Fishermen’s Cooperative Association. As the request of the organizers, Tom  
15 and his family assisted with the festival decorations and weaved hats for the  
16 many influential visitors, both local and abroad, who came to Guam to attend  
17 the fishery events; and

18         **WHEREAS**, Tom’s woven coconut leaf hats have found their way  
19 around the world as the many visitors he gave them to have kept in contact  
20 with Tom’s family and friends and still talk about the special hats they  
21 received to remember their visit to Guam; and

22         **WHEREAS**, Tom, a former employee of the Department of Parks and  
23 Recreation, will be remembered for his hard work and commitment to service  
24 for the people of Guam which later translated to his work as a Master Weaver.

1 For his many contributions, the people of Guam recognize and honor him for  
2 upholding his Chamorro beliefs and values and sharing it through his gift of  
3 cultural Chamorro weaving; and *now, therefore, be it*

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules on behalf of *I Liheslaturan*  
5 *Guåhan* and the people of Guam, hereby recognize Mr. Tomas “Tom”  
6 Fernandez Torres for his commendable works and accomplishments  
7 throughout his lifetime, and for being a living example of the Chamorro  
8 culture, and further express our sincerest condolences to the Torres family for  
9 the loss of their loved one; and be it further

10 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson for the Committee on Rules  
11 certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to the adoption hereof and that  
12 copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the family of the late Tomas “Tom”  
13 Fernandez Torres; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA  
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY 2009.**

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**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.**  
**Speaker**

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**Rory J. Respicio**  
**Chairperson, Committee on Rules**

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**Tina Rose Muña Barnes**  
**Legislative Secretary**