

Resolution No. 70-37 (LS)

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Relative to recognizing the Iloilo International of Guam on the induction of its new officers and Board of Directors for 2022-2024, and for its continued contributions, commitment in promoting the Ilongo spirit and culture, and its meritorious humanitarian services to the people of Guam and the Province of Iloilo, Philippines; and congratulating them on the occasion of its Fifteenth (15th) Year Anniversary.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2008, the Iloilo International of Guam, a non-profit, non-sectarian, civic association, was organized and founded by a group of Ilongos on Guam, and was led by its Charter President Artemio O. Salomes, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Iloilo International of Guam is to promote fraternity, unity, the *bayanihan* spirit, and camaraderie among the Ilongos of Guam and throughout the United States, to develop and promote sports activities, to encourage Ilongo talent in the fields of education, science, sports, arts, and business, to promote and maintain the social, civic, and cultural ties with the Ilongos on Guam and throughout the United States, to promote and preserve the ethnic traditions, customs, and history of the Ilongos, to develop the cultural and social growth of our youth, and to encourage their principle of integrity, opportunity, establishment, and equal access to participate fully in the life of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Iloilo International of Guam has participated in numerous philanthropic activities and opportunities to give back to the community. Since its founding, the organization has provided aid and relief donations to various towns in Iloilo, including delivering relief to Filipinos in the wake of Typhoon *Frank* in 2008, the Tubungan landslide in 2009, Typhoon *Sendong* in 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Iloilo International of Guam has also made other charitable donations on Guam to include the *Karidat* Program (formerly known as *Kamalen Karidat*), St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam (Sanctuary), the World Youth Day trip for Dededo, the Camp Roxas film project, "Under the American Sun," sponsorship of a Guam student to a band competition in Korea, and generous contributions to the residents of Iloilo, Philippines for the betterment of their livelihood, and

WHEREAS, the association is dedicated to continuing in its humanitarian missions, and the establishment of a scholarship program for deserving but financially challenged students, to encouraging the younger generation regardless of race to join and participate in their activities and cultural endeavors, to participating in Guam beautification through the Adopt-a-Park program, and to continuing in its civil and cultural activities, as well as to supporting other organizations worthy of assistance with fundraising events, and

WHEREAS, a majority of the members of the Iloilo International are Ilongos who call Guam home. As one of their objectives, the members are committed to preserving their cultural heritage, especially for the younger generation who were either born on Guam or in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Iloilo International of Guam was also formed for the purposes of uniting and promoting closer relations among fellow Ilongos, to provide aid to fellow members, and to promote peace and order among Filipinos, to assist its Province of Iloilo, Philippines in its civic endeavors, and to provide recreational activities and enjoyment among its members, and

WHEREAS, through the continuous support of pageants and competitions like Miss Teen Iloilo International and Miss *Dinagyang* Guam, the association strives to encourage and nurture a motivated and prosperous younger generation of Ilongos. These activities have promoted and enhanced the participants' exposure to interpersonal interactions, giving them the ability to connect and experience the culture of their ancestors, and also positively influencing them to actively engage in community service, and

WHEREAS, *Liheslaturan Guåhan* would like to thank the outgoing officers and board of directors of Iloilo International of Guam for their dedication and kind contributions to the organization and the community of Guam, and

WHEREAS, the Iloilo International of Guam Officers for 2022-2024 are as follows: Richard Ybanez, President, Frank Huelar, Vice President, Brenda Bautista, Secretary, Roxie Reyes, Assistant Secretary, Cynthia Nisay, Treasurer, Rebecca Olivares, Assistant Treasurer, Jeffrey Edubalad, Auditor, Fantasysha Rioja, Assistant Auditor, Eryln Pama, Press Relations Officer, Melba Talledo, Assistant Press Relations Officer, Claire Ybanez, Business Manager, Audrey Lynn Dalalo, Assistant Business Manager, Sylvio Ybanez Jr., and Raymond Estoy, Peace Officers, and

WHEREAS, the Iloilo International of Guam Board of Directors are as follows: Elmer Sarmada, Remy Huelar, Rosemin Sogoan, Loraine Umbrero, Larry Bulala, Jennifer Rioja, Noel Semolava, Renato Sarmiento, Nilfa Milan, and DJ Nole Castillo, and

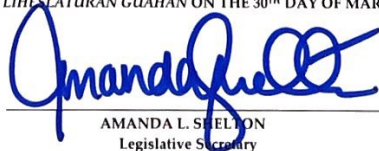
WHEREAS, the Iloilo International of Guam will continue to advance and promote the Iloilo spirit of unity, culture, and traditions with the people of Guam. It will also continue to actively participate in community events as members of the Filipino community of Guam (FCG), now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Iloilo International of Guam on the induction of its new officers and Board of Directors for 2022-2024, and for its continued contributions, commitment in promoting the Ilongo spirit and culture, and its meritorious humanitarian services to the people of Guam and the Province of Iloilo, Philippines, and congratulate them on the occasion of its Fifteenth (15th) Year Anniversary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Artemio O. Salomes, Founder and Advisor, Iloilo International of Guam, to Jesusa Umbrero, Advisor, Iloilo International of Guam, to Cora Mucho, Advisor, Iloilo International of Guam, to Cynthia Nisay, Advisor, Iloilo International of Guam, and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga hâgan Guåhan*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

