

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Resolution No. 251-32 (COR)

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**Relative to recognizing Filipino American Heritage Month
and celebrating the heritage and culture of Filipino
Americans and their immense contributions to Guam and
the entire Nation.**

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

3 **WHEREAS,** it is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize official
4 months that are set aside to focus on the story of our island's past from a new
5 perspective by concentrating on the critically economic, cultural, social, and other
6 notable contributions that members of our community had made in countless ways
7 toward the development of Guam history; and

1 **WHEREAS**, attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-
2 standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to join the Nation in
3 celebrating the month of October as Filipino American Heritage Month; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the first recorded Filipinos to arrive in Guam came by way of the
5 Spanish galleon between the Philippines and Mexico, which began in 1521, that
6 brought Filipino soldiers, missionaries, lay assistants, administrators, and political
7 dissidents and exiles, to Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of World War II, Guam's reconstruction effort
9 was joined by many skilled Filipino laborers, longshoremen, and service workers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the manpower required during this period led to the recruitment
11 of thousands of skilled and unskilled workers and professionals, mostly from the Iloilo
12 province of the Philippines, resulting in a migration of more than 10,000 Filipino men
13 and women to Guam; many laborers lived in work camps, the largest of which was
14 Camp Roxas in Agat with over 7,000 workers; and

15 **WHEREAS**, through the postwar devastation in the 1950s, the widespread
16 destruction in the wake of two typhoons, Karen and Olive, in the 1960s, and the
17 massive tourism buildup in the 1970s, Filipino-American grit, skill, and industry
18 helped to strengthen our island for the challenges and opportunities of a new century;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Filipino-American community is now the largest Asian-
21 American group in Guam, making up 26.3 percent of the total island population, and
22 the second largest Asian-American group in the United States, with a population of
23 approximately 3.4 million; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have been a part of the American experience
25 and have remained resolute and steadfast in the face of many difficult times and
26 challenges; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Filipino-American servicemen and servicewomen have a time-
2 honored history serving in the Armed Services, from the War of 1812 to the Iraq and
3 Afghanistan conflicts, including the 250,000 Filipinos who fought under the United
4 States flag during World War II to protect and defend this country; and

5 **WHEREAS**, nine (9) Filipino Americans have received the Congressional
6 Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that can
7 be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States Armed Forces; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are an integral part of the island's health care
9 system as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts,
11 music, dance, literature, education, business, literature, journalism, sports, fashion,
12 politics, government, science, technology, and other fields in Guam and in the United
13 States that enrich the landscape of our local community and the Nation as a whole;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for Filipino American youths to have positive role
16 models and to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the
17 richness of their ethnicity, the history of the indomitable will of their countrymen, and
18 the values of their legacy; and now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
20 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby recognize the celebration of Filipino American
21 Heritage Month in the month of October of every year to serve as a significant time to
22 study the advancement of Filipino Americans in the history of Guam and of the
23 United States, as a favorable time of celebration, remembrance, reflection, and
24 motivation and as a relevant time to renew more efforts toward research, examination,
25 and promulgation of Filipino American history and culture in order to provide an
26 opportunity for all Americans to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans

1 and their historic contributions to Guam and our Nation; and urges the people of
2 Guam to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and
3 activities; and be it further

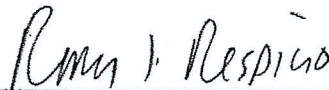
4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Albert F. Del Rosario, Secretary
7 of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines; His
8 Excellency Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the
9 Republic of the Philippines to the United States of America; The Honorable Bayani V.
10 Mangibin, Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines to Guam; Mr. Emelio Y.
11 Uy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Filipino Community of Guam; Mr. Roy
12 S. Adonay, President of the Filipino Community of Guam; and The Honorable
13 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahañ Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS 15TH DAY
OF OCTOBER 2013.**



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